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During an impromptu visit by soldiers from the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division to deliver school supplies to a remote Iraqi school, Maj. Brian Grady, with Company B of the 448th Civil Affairs Battalion, shows an Iraqi boy the contents of a backpack.

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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

World

Iran's nuclear program: Iran and European nations reached a preliminary agreement about Iran's nuclear program at talks hoped to avoid a U.N. showdown, but all countries involved still must approve it. Iran's chief negotiator said Sunday in Tehran.

If approved, the deal could be a major breakthrough following months of threats and negotiations and could spare Iran from being referred to the U.N. Security Council, where the United States has warned it would seek economic sanctions.

The preliminary agreement worked out with Britain, France and Germany could be finalized in the next few days, chief Iranian negotiator Hossein Mousavian told state-run Iranian television from Paris, where talks wrapped up Saturday.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in Iran's conservative-dominated parliament pushed for a bill banning the production of nuclear weapons in a gesture of building more international trust.

Haitian violence: An armed group fired on a police station in northwestern Haiti on Saturday, prompting officers to flee while prisoners escaped and more than 100 people started a flurry of looting, officials said.

No one was reported killed in the clash in Gonaves, the country's third-largest city, which left the station empty after looters broke into the building and carried away furniture and other items, police spokeswoman Gessy Coicou said.

The attack happened several hours after a suspected gang member was arrested for attacking and looting humanitarian aid trucks, said Capt. Mamie Ward, spokeswoman for the 5,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping mission in Haiti.

Shipments of food for victims of recent floods that wiped out much of Gonaves are commonly attacked by young men armed with guns and stones.

India missile test: India on Sunday tested a nuclear-capable ship-launched missile off its eastern coast, an official said.

The Dhanush missile, capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads, was launched from an Indian navy ship in the Bay of Bengal, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Pakistan, which also routinely carries out missile tests, declined comment on the test but said it was against an arms race.

"Dhanush," which means "bow" in the Hindi language, was tested from the ship INS Subhadra some 20 miles away from India's missile testing site at Chandipur-on-Sea in the eastern state of Orissa. The site is 750 miles southeast of New Delhi.

With a strike range of 156 miles, the missile can carry a load of 1,100 pounds, the Indian official said.

Serbia war crimes: The foreign minister of Serbia-Montenegro on Sunday accused Serbia's government of protecting suspects wanted by the U.N. war crimes court.

Vuk Draskovic blasted the Serbian leadership for a "political and spiritual return of Serbia to the age of (former president) Slobodan Milosevic."

Milosevic's war campaigns in the 1990s led to war crimes charges against him and



Anniversary remembrance: Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force personnel stand at attention Sunday during inspection marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of Japan Self-Defense Forces at Asaka Base, north of Tokyo.

dozens of other Serbs. After losing power, Milosevic was handed over to the U.N. court in 2001, as were several other suspects, but another 15 remain at large.

Western powers have warned Serbia to extradite the fugitives — notably Bosnian Serb wartime general Ratko Mladic — or face sanctions. The republic's leaders insist that Mladic's whereabouts are unknown, while the other fugitives should be tried before a domestic, not the international court.

States

\$10 million spaceship prize: The designers of the first privately manned rocket to burst into space were handed a \$10 million check Saturday, a prize designed to encourage technology that will open the heavens to tourists.

SpaceShipOne designer Burt Rutan accepted the Ansari X Prize money along with a 150-pound trophy as a chase plane flew over the ceremony in a field adjacent to the St. Louis Science Center.

The rocket plane, financed with more than \$20 million from Microsoft billionaire Paul Allen, qualified for the prize by blasting into space twice in five days last month.

The X Prize, offered to the first team to get into space twice in a 14-day span, will now evolve into a regular competition called the X Prize Cup.

Florida hurricane victims: Nearly three months after Hurricane Charley devastated

parts of southwestern Florida, hundreds of people displaced by the storm still have not received temporary housing.

About 650 people have been placed in travel trailers or mobile homes in Charlotte County, one of the hardest-hit counties, but about 500 more units are needed, said Dennis Kirziah, manager for the Port Charlotte field office of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Ben Davis, a FEMA strike team leader, said officials are still going door to door to assess the need in Charlotte County. Many of those displaced are staying with family and friends, renting apartments or staying at motels.

Serial killer to face victims' families: A former nurse who admitted killing 17 patients at hospitals in two states must attend a sentencing hearing where he will face the families of six of his alleged victims, a judge ruled.

Judge William H. Platt said he would not accept Charles Cullen's waiver of his right to appear at his sentencing after he is expected to plead guilty Nov. 17 to killing six people in Lehigh County, Pa.

Cullen, 44, is charged with six counts of homicide and three counts of attempted homicide in Lehigh County. He faces a life prison sentence.

Cullen's attorney, public defender Johnnie Mask, said he was not happy with Platt's decision but would not oppose it. Besides the six in Lehigh County, Cullen has pleaded guilty to using lethal doses of medication to kill 17 mostly elderly patients at hospitals in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

War on terrorism

Armored vehicles in Iraq: A U.S. Army supply unit whose members refused a dangerous fuel delivery mission last month has now fitted its vehicles with armor to protect against attack, the military said Saturday.

Eighteen soldiers from the 44th Quartermaster Company, a Reserve unit based in Rock Hill, S.C., refused to drive a fuel convoy last month from Tallil air base near Nasiriyah to Taji north of Baghdad, insisting their vehicles were not properly outfitted and the fuel was contaminated.

The mission later was carried out by other troops in the unit, which has at least 120 soldiers, the military said. Their commander was later relieved, but senior officers denied the fuel was contaminated.

No Iraq plans for German military: U.S. Ambassador Daniel Coats sought to allay fears that President Bush's election might signal a new effort to obtain military support from Germany in Iraq, saying in remarks released Sunday that the administration knows the country is against sending troops.

"The U.S. administration has accepted that Germany will not be sending any soldiers to Iraq in the foreseeable future," Coats said in remarks released in German to be published Monday in the Handelsblatt newspaper. "We hope for other means of

Ties between Berlin and Washington were strained by Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's opposition to last year's U.S.-led war in Iraq.

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Air Force program aims to foster relationships

By KENT HARRIS
Stars and Stripes

A new initiative takes flight Monday at Air Force bases around Europe, with officials hoping to create one big, happy family.

Or, at the least, generally content USAF communities.

Combat Wingman launches with a goal of "making 'Air Force family' not just a jingle, but getting people to think about what it really means," said Lt. Col. Pete Ellis. Wings across the theater will take the day to introduce the program to all airmen.

Ellis, special assistant to the U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, said bringing airmen closer together — and getting them to take more responsibility for one another — could help tackle issues such as drunken driving, suicides and sexual assault.

"Lots of problems go away if you can adopt the attitude and commitment," Ellis said in a phone interview.

Under the program, airmen are going to be encouraged to formally act as a wingman to at least one other airman by offer-

Combat Wingman will encourage airmen to build family ties, personal commitments

ing time, advice, someone to talk to and a little understanding. Such agreements might be written down, but don't have to be as long as they're taken seriously.

"The foundation of this program is built on commitment at a personal level," Foglesong wrote in an open letter to the command. "Combat Wingman is a sacred contract that promotes a genuine concern for our airmen — and I mean our military and civilian airmen — and their families through mutual, self-directed relationships with each other."

Lt. Col. Dave Areola, chief consultant for mental health for USAF, said those in the command aren't any worse off than those elsewhere — or in society in general. "Certainly the idea of airmen taking care of airmen goes back a long way," he said, referring to battles in the air as well as life on the ground.

But he said there's a sense that Air Force members aren't as close as they used to be.

"I think a lot of things have changed in the culture at large," he said, adding that the Air Force mirrors society in a lot of ways.

At least one of those ways has Air Force leadership alarmed. The suicide rate in the service, traditionally much lower than in society in general, has soared. Through Oct. 27, 46 airmen took their lives this year

— including several in Europe.

Areola said that's still a lower average than in society at large. But it's almost twice as high as in recent years.

"It is something that senior leaders are concerned about," he said.

So it's hoped that Combat Wingman will be a way for those who are depressed to get help and others notice warning signs.

But Ellis said suicide is only one of many concerns that he hopes the program will combat.

"We don't want anyone focusing on just any one negative behavior," he said.

The program is fairly open-ended, Ellis said, so individuals can make it work best for them. Areola says a one-on-one relationship might work best for some, while small groups may work best for others.

Relationships could involve talking, playing sports or just hanging out.

"We're looking for folks to make a personal commitment to look after each other," Ellis said. "We're really all away from home and this is about pulling together more closely."

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Naples' air pollution ranked fourth-worst throughout Italy

By JASON CHUDY
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — How many cigarettes do you smoke in a day?

Don't answer just yet.

If you live in Naples, you're breathing in the equivalent of nine to 11 cigarettes' worth of pollution per day, according to a recent medical study released by the Sesto San Giovanni Hospital's occupational health department and reported by The Associated Press.

That's a half-pack-per-day habit you'll have to kick when you leave, even if you never light up.

The study, presented in northern Parma at a conference on a rise in respiratory diseases, ranked Naples as the fourth-worst city in Italy for its air pollution.

Ranking worse were: Milan; Palermo, Sicily; and Trieste in the country's northeast. There, residents breathe in the equivalent of about 15 cigarettes per day.

"Since I've lived here all my life I didn't realize it," said 18-year-old college student and nonsmoker Gloria Bradshaw, whose mother is Neapolitan and father is American.

"But what can you do about it?" she said. "You can tell the air is different here (than in the United States). It just feels different."

Petty Officer 3rd Class Tim Martinez, who has been in Naples

since March, said he doesn't know if he believes the study, but can sure tell when the pollution's bad.

"I live in the barracks and sometimes can't see (Mount) Vesuvius," he said after finishing a cigarette at an outdoor smoking area. "It's right there — only about five miles away."

Martinez, a corpsman at the base clinic, said he believes that pollution here is worse than it is in the States because of the large numbers of people who burn their trash.

"Even in Catania it wasn't this bad," he said.

The pollution, he believes, has affected his allergies.

"I've always had them a bit, but here they've gotten worse," he said.

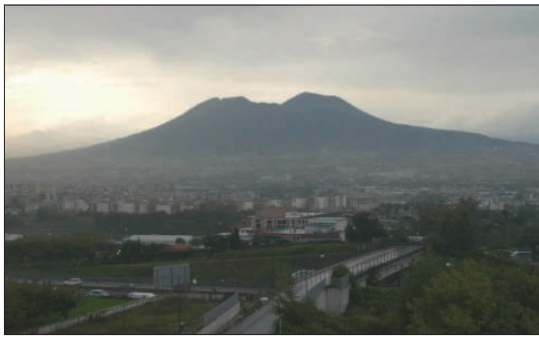
Those at other U.S. military bases in Italy can breathe a little easier, but not much.

Nonsmokers in Livorno are getting the equivalent of only five or six cigarettes per day, as do residents of Naval Air Station Sigonella, Sicily, miles east of the base.

Don't hold your breath, Vicenza. Any base personnel who live in Padova take in four to five cigarettes per day.

Aviano residents can breathe a sigh of relief, as none of the nearby cities made the list.

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On a clear day, above, Mount Vesuvius can be seen towering over Naples, Italy but smog often hides the volcano, as shown below. If you live in Naples, you're breathing in the equivalent of nine to 11 cigarettes' worth of pollution per day, according to a recent medical study.



Guard loses challenge

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A National Guard soldier ordered to duty in Iraq is challenging the military's stop-loss program and asking a judge to block the military from involuntarily extending his enlistment.

The program has been criticized as a back-door draft by some lawmakers, including Democrat Sen. John Kerry, who lost in Tuesday's presidential elections to George W. Bush.

U.S. District Judge Frank Dammrell Jr. refused to grant an injunction stopping the soldier's transfer to Iraq later this month because his California National Guard enlistment does not expire until May. However, if the soldier prevails in his challenge, he can be returned home by court order, the judge said Friday.

Veteran sues Army

HONOLULU — A veteran of the first Persian Gulf War is suing the Army after it ordered him to report for duty 13 years after he was honorably discharged from active duty and eight years after he left the reserves.

Kauai resident David Miyasato received word of his reactivation in September, but he says he believes he completed his eight-year obligation to the Army long ago.

His federal lawsuit, filed Friday in Honolulu, seeks a judgment declaring that he has fulfilled his military obligations.

From The Associated Press

Reservists to augment SETAF mission

Mobilization of 150 GIs to Afghanistan or Vicenza might last up to two years

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

VICENZA, Italy — About 150 Army reservists in Europe will be mobilized in a few weeks to support the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) mission to Afghanistan.



Pedraza

Some members of the SETAF Augmentation Unit, 330th Rear Operations Center and the 7th Army Reserve Command's headquarters will be sent to Southwest Asia. Others will stay behind and take roles in rear detachments.

Brig. Gen. Richard M. Tabor, the 7th ARCOM

That date is Nov. 23 for soldiers such as Maj. Sana Mason and Sgt. 1st Class Lara Pedraza. Both are members of the SETAF Augmentation Unit, based in Vicenza. But both live in Germany and don't hold full-time jobs.

Mason's husband retired from active-duty service and holds a civilian job with the military. He'll be watching over their 9-year-old daughter. Pedraza's active-duty husband is based in Hohenfels, Germany.

He'll just have to take care of a few fish. "He's responsible," Pedraza said with a smile. "I'm not worried."

Mason said she's known the move would happen for a while.

"When I read in the paper that SETAF was going to go, I knew it right away," she said. During the last mobilization, she was sent to the port of Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

She talked with pride about getting out tons of gear for 1st Armored Division troops.

"There's mixed feelings," she said. "Sure I'll miss my family. But there's the sense of duty to your country and knowing what you do is important."

Pedraza, who finished a 10-year active-duty stint in 2002, had just applied for a civilian job when she heard the news. But she's got no complaints.

"I love the uniform," she said. "I raised my hand. It was my duty to do this."

Both women will probably not be deployed to Afghanistan. But that hasn't been determined yet.

"SETAF hasn't given us a definite idea on who's going and staying, but we have a pretty good idea," said Master Sgt. Mark Saddler, who will be the SETAF reserve unit's rear detachment NCO.

Most of those going to Afghanistan are currently training with their active-duty counterparts in Grafenwöhr, Germany.

The deployment is likely to start in late winter or early spring.

The 330th, based in Kaiserslautern, Germany, and elements of the 7th ARCOM headquarters will join SETAF — leading the mission — and a number of other active-duty units from Germany and the States.

Col. Wesley Forsytek, the SETAF Augmentation commander, said in a phone interview that his troops bring a variety of specialized skills when they activate. Most spent time in the active-duty careers and currently hold civilian jobs.

Those assigned to the SETAF unit live in a handful of countries around Europe, with a few from the States. Forsytek said the reservists were blending well with their active-duty counterparts in "team-building across the entire staff."

"They're all standing tall and looking good."

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Mason

Admiral takes over helm of Northern Command

Keating vows to enhance national maritime security to prevent terror attack by sea

BY DAVID KELLY

Los Angeles Times

PETERBORO AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Reflecting growing fears that a major terror attack could come by sea, a top U.S. naval officer officially took over the U.S. Northern Command Friday, vowing to enhance maritime security nationwide.

Adm. Timothy J. Keating, who is replacing retiring Air Force Gen. Ralph Eberhart, said terrorists might be able to strike the U.S. from the sea.

"It hasn't received a lot of attention because of the way they came at us on Sept. 11," he told reporters.

"It may not be our biggest vulnerability, but it might be the way that terrorists think they might best attack us."

NORTHCOM was established two years ago to coordinate homeland defense efforts alongside the North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD, which patrols the skies daily with along with Canadian forces.

Keating took control of both commands in a solemn ceremony here Friday, attended by hundreds of military personnel and dignitaries such as Deputy U.S. Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers.

"The cold-blooded murder of 3,000 Americans and citizens of many other countries Sept. 11 put us once again in the middle of a war we didn't go looking for, a war that came to us," Wolfowitz said.

"The defense of our homeland depends today on the work of Northern Command. This is a long, hard fight. But make no mistake, it's a fight we will win."

The secretary said NORTHCOM had been successful in keeping the country safe during

events seen as potential terrorist targets: two State of the Union addresses, two national political conventions, the G-8 Summit in Georgia and the funeral of Ronald Reagan, along with other

chemical attack on America. "Ed set the bar very high at NORTHCOM," he said. "Under his leadership, our nation is safer than it once was."

A few months ago, Eberhart warned that the next terror attack likely would come by sea because of porous security and the failure to ascertain the contents of the thousands of containers that flood into American ports daily.

In his farewell speech Friday, the general warned against complacency.

"What is important today is a future where we must not become apathetic," Eberhart said.

"Every time you are tempted to close your eyes, see those twin towers explode, see the scar on

"We have a formidable, layered defense in place that is active and effective right now. That's not to say we won't look at it carefully and make changes in the weeks and months ahead. We want to make sure the terrorists understand that they can't hurt us there."



Adm. Timothy J. Keating
New head of U.S. Northern Command

events.

Eberhart, a former fighter pilot who flew 300 combat missions in Vietnam, was lauded as a warrior and visionary. His work, Myers said, had lowered the risk of nuclear, biological or

the Pentagon and that field in Pennsylvania.

The choice of a naval commander to run an operation dominated by Air Force officers reflects the new reality of terrorism that can come from air, land or sea.

Keating is a former Navy fighter pilot who made 1,200 landings on aircraft carriers and flew combat missions in Operation Desert Storm.

He also commanded forces in Bahrain, headed the U.S. 5th Fleet and served as director of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

After the ceremony, Keating said port security isn't as loose as some suggest.

"We have a formidable, layered defense in place that is active and effective right now," he said.

"That's not to say we won't look at it carefully and make changes in the weeks and months ahead. There is a lot more to be done. We have a lot more of us know, and that's important. We want to make sure the terrorists understand that they can't hurt us there."

Bonded by stars

Chief petty officer shares love of stargazing with teenage daughter

BY JASON CHUDY

Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Senior Chief Petty Officer Chris Stein has his head in the stars.

Stein has been an amateur astronomer for more than two decades, looking at galaxies, nebulae, planets, moons and comets in his spare time.

"I took astronomy in high school," he said. "My high school was fortunate enough to have a planetarium. That's where the bug bit me."

Enlisting after graduation, Stein has carried a variety of telescopes with him over the past 23 years, including to his most recent tour as the senior enlisted leader of the Navy Legal Service Office Europe and Southwest Asia in Naples.

His current telescope — he jokingly calls a "watermelon cannon" — is a \$5,300, 18-inch reflecting telescope he bought last year. When assembled, it stands about 9 feet tall.

"This is the purchase of a lifetime," he said. "This thing is a light bucket — it sucks up pho-

tons.

"The planets in this thing look just like the pictures in a text(book)," he said. "You can see Saturn in an eyepiece and ... you can see the rings within the rings, and the banding on Saturn itself."

"Then, of course, seeing the banding and festoons and the whirlpools and the red spot on Jupiter with its five moons," he added.

Despite decades of stargazing, Stein said he'll never tire of the hobby and never run out of things to look at.

"You're always finding different (things) in objects you've seen many, many times and that's the fun part of it," he said.

"The real night sky, when you look up there, is just filled with stars."

Since his arrival in Naples last year, he's been out stargazing only a few times.

"I don't get near the time to do this that I want," he said. "One, I'm pretty busy; two, the sky here in Italy during the summer months is nasty, full of dust and stuff blowing in from Africa.



PHOTOS BY JASON CHUDY/Stars and Stripes

Senior Chief Petty Officer Chris Stein and his 14-year-old daughter, Erin, have bonded over their shared love of stargazing. "I think there are not too many fathers and daughters doing things (together)," Erin said. "It's usually the mom and the daughter. I think it's kind of cool."

"But the winter time, the atmosphere settles down," he said. "There's not as much heat in the atmosphere, and by far the majority of the neat stuff is up."

This year, he said, he expects

to spend more nights and weekends with his eye to the sky.

Even though astronomy means spending a lot of time away from home — or at least outside of the home — it doesn't mean time away from his family.

The astronomy bug has also bitten his 14-year-old daughter, Erin.

"She was 6 years old in '96 when I got back into it (heavily)," he said. "The first time we took her out we were able to show her something other than stars."

"One star looks like the next in a telescope, more or less," he said. "But when you can go out and see stars, and glob clusters and galaxies ... that hooked her. When she knows I'm bringing out the 'big gun,' she says 'Oh, I want to go.'"

"I just think it's cool," said Erin, a ninth-grader at Naples High School. "I love globula clusters, they're big clusters of stars, and I like nebulae."

"I think it makes me feel special," she said. "For all we know we're just this one small area in all of that (sky). There has to be something else out there."

"Let's just hope they come in peace," Erin said.

For father and daughter, at least, peace begins at home through a special bond brought by a shared love of astronomy.

"I think there are not too many fathers and daughters doing things (together)," she said. "It's usually the mom and the daughter. I think it's kind of cool."

The astronomy bug hasn't bitten mom Sarah, although at the urging of husband and daughter she can occasionally be coaxed to the telescope.

Stein has tried to introduce others into the hobby. He's taken his telescope to the base school's career day.

"The photo is actually woven into the blanket so wash after wash the image will never fade."

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Senior Chief Petty Officer Chris Stein

Stein is an amateur

astronomer who has found that his love for stargazing is shared by his teenage daughter.

Job: Senior enlisted leader with Navy Legal Service Office Europe and Southwest Asia. Stein has been in the Navy for 23 years.

Age: 41

Family: Wife, Sarah; daughter, Erin, 14

Hometown: Greenfield, Ind.

Stars and Stripes

"I (also) hope to coordinate a night or weekend (and go somewhere) close by and hook the school into it," he said. "Maybe the parents and kids could come out."

If the children — or parents — are star-struck themselves, Stein said, getting into the hobby isn't as difficult or expensive as they may think.

"The cheapest and probably the most recommended way to get into the hobby is ... to get yourself a good set of binoculars," he said. "With binoculars you can explore whether or not this is something you really want to invest more money and time into."

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Iraq declares 60-day state of emergency

U.S. troops isolate Fallujah ahead of expected offensive

BY TINI TRAN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The government declared a 60-day state of emergency throughout most of the country Sunday, as U.S. and Iraqi forces prepared for an expected all-out assault on rebels in Fallujah. Insurgents escalated a wave of violence that has killed more than 50 people the past two days.

After the declaration, the U.S. command said American soldiers had "isolated Fallujah" and all traffic in and out of the city had been halted. The statement said U.S. forces were "finishing final preparations for an assault on Fallujah."

Heavy explosions were heard in Baghdad as government spokesman Thair Hassan al-Naqeeb announced the state of emergency over the entire country except Kurdish areas in the north.

"It is going to be a curfew. It is going to be so many things, but to-morrow the prime minister will mention it," he said. Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi will give more details Monday, he said.

Al-Naqeeb declined to say whether the announcement signaled an imminent attack on the insurgent stronghold Fallujah, saying, "We have seen the situation is worsening in this area. Any obstacle will be removed."

After sundown Sunday, Fallujah residents reported heavy exchanges of fire under way between U.S. troops and insurgents in the Jolan neighborhood in the northern edge of the city.

Allawi, who called a meeting Sunday with his defense minister, interior minister and provincial police commanders, said the state of emergency is a "very powerful message that we are serious" about reining in insurgents before elections set for late January.

"We want elections to take place. We want to secure the country so elections can be done in a peaceful way and the Iraqi

people can participate in the elections freely, without the intimidation by terrorists and by forces who are trying to wreck the political process in Iraq," he told reporters.

Allawi, a secular-minded Shiite Muslim, faces strong pressure from within the minority Sunni community against an all-out assault. "I urge the brother prime minister to reconsider the issue of storming Fallujah and to give another chance for dialogue," Hatim Jassim, a member of the Iraqi National Council, told Al-Jazeera television.

Mohammed Ali Bilal, a Fallujah negotiator, urged the Arab League, the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Conferences to "find a peaceful solution for this problem."

The emergency decree was issued as insurgents carried out a second day of assaults in central Iraq, attacking police stations, gunning down government officials and setting off bombs.

Three attacks on U.S. convoys in and around Baghdad killed two American soldiers and wounded five others Sunday, the military said. Residents reported grenades setting police cars aflame on Haifa Street in the heart of the city.

A car bomb also exploded near the Baghdad home of Iraq's finance minister, Adil Abdel-Mahdi, a leading Shiite politician, the Interior Ministry said.

Reda Jawad Taqai, a spokesman for a major Shiite political party, said that neither Abdel-Mahdi nor any of his family were in his house at the time. "They are all safe, thank God, the minister and his family," Taqai told the Associated Press.

The U.S. military said the bomb killed one Iraqi bystander and wounded another. A U.S. patrol came under small-arms fire as it responded, wounding one soldier, a statement said.

The wave of violence sweeping the troubled Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad, may be aimed at relieving pressure on



Heat waves swirl around an Iraqi police vehicle after an attack by insurgents using a rocket-propelled grenade on Haifa Street in Baghdad on Sunday. At least one police officer was injured in a similar attack on another vehicle nearby.

Fallujah, where about 10,000 American troops are massing for the green light.

Early Sunday, Marines fired a barrage of artillery at rebel positions inside Fallujah and clashed with insurgents carrying AK-47s, killing at least 16. Two U.S. soldiers were wounded at midnight at a checkpoint near Fallujah, the U.S. military said.

On Sunday, Lt. Gen. John F. Sattler, commanding general of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, gave a rousing pep talk before 2,000 to 3,000 Marines at a base near Fallujah.

"You can feel the energy. You can feel the chemistry. You're going to give that to the Iraqi forces as they join that fight. God bless you, each and everyone. You know what your mission is. Go out there and get it done," he said.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Saturday, at least 1,127 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 865 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated Friday at 10 a.m. EST.

The British military has reported 73 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 989 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 756 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- No new deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

- Army Spc. Cody L. Wentz, 21, Williston, N.D., died Thursday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle; assigned to the National Guard 141st Engineer Battalion, Williston, N.D.

Thousands of surface-to-air missiles missing, U.S. says

BY DANA PRIEST
AND BRADLEY GRAHAM

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Several thousand shoulder-fired missiles — the kind that could be used to shoot down aircraft — are missing in Iraq, and their disappearance has prompted U.S. military and intelligence analysts to increase sharply their estimate of the number of such weapons that may be at large, administration officials said Saturday.

Some U.S. analysts figure that as many as 4,000 surface-to-air missiles once under the control of

Saddam Hussein's government remain unaccounted for. That would raise the number of such missiles outside government hands worldwide to about 6,000.

But a senior defense official said yesterday that military intelligence analysts are having difficulty estimating just how many of the portable missiles may have vanished and how many of those may be in working order and therefore a threat to U.S. and other aircraft of violence sweeping the troubled Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad, may be aimed at relieving pressure on

"We don't have a good estimate," the official said. "Some have put forward some figures, but there is none that the Defense

Intelligence Agency has confidence in."

Another official said government analysts could not say with any certainty whether the missing weapons remain in Iraq or have been smuggled outside the country. "There is no evidence that they have left the country," he said.

Still, other government officials said the threat that the Iraqi missiles could be used to target military or civilian aircraft remains a very real one. Concern about the Iraqi missiles was raised during a conference on aviation threats last week at the

DIA's Missile and Space Intelligence Center in Huntsville, Ala. The new estimates, based on analysis done by the DIA and with the proliferation section of the CIA, were first reported Saturday by the New York Times.

The U.S.-led invasion forces did not secure all weapons depots in Iraq, and hundreds of thousands of tons of munitions were looted. U.S. officials fear that the shoulder-launched missiles were among the items carried off by groups willing to sell them on the black market to terrorist organizations.

Western intelligence officials

have repeatedly warned of al-Qaida's desire to acquire the missiles for use against American and other airliners. The weapons are easy to hide and cost relatively little — from less than \$1,000 to \$100,000 each.

U.S. officials have said thousands of anti-aircraft missiles, most of them SA-7s, were looted from Iraqi army stockpiles and remain unaccounted for. The U.S. military initiated a buyback program for surface-to-air missiles in August 2003, paying as much as \$500 apiece. Although hundreds were acquired, military officials have said that thousands remain in circulation.

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Iraqi television airs confessions of foreign rebels

BY MAGGIE MICHAEL

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government television station broadcast confessions of what it said were Arab and foreign terrorists who infiltrated the country's porous borders to fight against U.S.-led coalition forces.

The confessions, aired several times over the weekend, were publicized as U.S. and Iraqi forces amassed around Fallujah for an anticipated showdown with fighters in the insurgent stronghold.

Iraqi officials say the fight there is against foreign fighters and "terrorists," and not the people of Fallujah.

The station, Iraqiya, showed 19 Arab males aged 20 to 40, dressed in blue jumpsuits and lined up against a wall while the camera panned their pale, bearded faces. An announcer read a statement accusing the prisoners of "carrying out mass killings, sabotage, inciting sectarianism and racism, destroying the economic and the social infrastructure of our people to take us back to the Dark Ages."

The 19 included five Syrians, five Saudis, four Jordanians, two Egyptians, two Iraqis and one Palestinian. Most were said to have entered the country in October 2003, during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Only two of them, however, said they came to join the insurgency in Iraq. One said he was from the same town in Jordan as Iraq's most feared terrorist mastermind, Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi.

Saleh Said al-Rahmani, of Mecca, Saudi Arabia, said he crossed the Saudi border to Iraq in Ramadan last year to follow "the call," — a term that generally means to carry the message of Islam.

A young Palestinian, Tayseer Hassan Halabi, said he entered Iraq from Syria where he lived temporarily. "I came to Iraq when the war started to join the fighters," he said. Halabi said he made contacts with insurgents only after arriving in Iraq.

Iraqiya said the 19 were among 167 people arrested recently by Iraqi police and who are now under interrogation.



JULIANA GITTLER/Stars and Stripes

Soldiers with the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division prepare backpacks on the ramp of their Stryker before a rush of children comes to collect them.

14th Cavalry delivers backpacks

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

During a routine mission Saturday in northwest Iraq, soldiers with the 14th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division popped into a remote school and handed out 150 backpacks and toothbrushes.

The visit was a spur-of-the-moment stop for the Stryker Brigade Combat Team members aimed at helping a school that troops haven't visited in a year, said Maj. Brian Grady, with Company B of the 48th

Civil Affairs Battalion.

Soldiers piled up backpacks filled with school supplies and warnings about unexploded ordnance on the ramps of two Strykers while soldiers and translators asked the school principal to let the children out of class to have at them.

After the mad rush for supplies and plenty of young smiles, the Strykers closed up and headed back to their mission along the Syrian border.

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Engineer Support Variant Strykers, with a front sweeping apparatus, plow along roadsides and find explosives before a convoy does.

The South African-developed Buffalo, called "Al Jamoose" in Arabic, can pick up and examine explosives. It's built to withstand a massive explosion and is a new tool in the Army's anti-bomb arsenal.

PHOTOS BY JULIANA GITTLER
Stars and Stripes



Stryker Brigade Combat Team makes a clean sweep

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MAREZ, Iraq — Before the convoys roll out, members of the 73rd Engineer Company of the 1st Brigade (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), 25th Infantry Division make sure they have a smooth passage.

The company's soldiers sweep the roadsides for bombs and help dig out anything they find. In the three weeks they've been in Iraq, they've uncovered a number of bombs and tank rounds burrowed into roadside dirt.

The engineers have two basic missions: They reinforce the camp to protect it from the daily barrage of mortars, and they make sure the convoys can move safely.

The latter involves nerves of steel and help from a few new toys in the Army's anti-bomb arsenal: a Stryker modified to sweep for explosives and a mine-clearing device created in South Africa called the Buffalo, a hulking mass of metal with a long arm capable of digging out explosives.

Days ago, engineers doing a Stryker sweep came across a mound of dirt on a convoy route.

The Buffalo, called *Al Jamoose* in Arabic, was summoned to investigate. "It looked like a dump truck had dropped down some dirt," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Morak, section sergeant with the mobility support platoon. "It wasn't there before so we checked it out."

The Buffalo team dug around and, using cameras attached to the mechanical arm, picked up and examined the contents — three 125 mm tank rounds.

Someone was trying to mess up a convoy, said Capt. Kevin Gollinghorst, company commander.

Morak and Sgt. Jason Harris, the two Buffalo operators, investigate anything suspicious, such as garbage, dead animals and mounds of dirt. If they find anything, the cameras allow a safe, closer look, where they check for wires or anything out of the ordinary.

"Anything that's out there that looks suspicious," Morak said. "We've used the arm quite a bit."

The Buffalo works in tandem with a Stryker designed with a device in front to sweep over and detonate explosives. The two vehicles precede nearly every con-

voys. In the three weeks they've been in the country, the engineer Strykers have taken out explosives three times.

Before the current company arrived, a bomb blew up under a modified Stryker belonging to the unit they replaced, destroying three of the eight tires. The vehicle rolled home on its remaining wheels and the soldiers inside were unharmed. The modified Strykers "are doing what they were designed to do," Gollinghorst said. "The soldiers were [back] out that afternoon."

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IN THE WORLD



An official walks along a track Sunday as he inspects the wreckage of a derailed train near Newbury, England. An off-duty police officer saw a car drive onto a train crossing and remain there as automatic barriers came down. The train hit the car, killing six people, including the driver of the car.

6 killed as British train strikes car

The Associated Press

LONDON — Firefighters and police on Sunday searched the wreckage of a train crash that killed six people and seriously injured 11 others when a train struck a car stopped on the tracks at a crossing, 36 miles west of London.

The locomotive struck the car and derailed at about 6:30 p.m. Saturday, killing the train driver, the person in the car and four train passengers, Thames Valley Police said.

An off-duty police officer saw the car drive onto the crossing and remain there as automatic barriers blocking one lane on each side of the tracks fell, said Andy Trotter, Deputy Chief Constable of the British Transport Police.

The officer called for emergency services after seeing the train hit the vehicle. Trotter gave no details about why the car was believed to have stopped on the crossing.

Emergency workers had freed passengers trapped in the wreckage by 11:30 p.m. Saturday, said the fire service.

But firefighters and police with dogs searched the area until first light to ensure there were no other casualties, Trotter said.

It was the first major accident on Britain's rail network since 2002, when seven people died in a crash at the suburban Potters Bar station north of London. That crash and five other big train accidents killed 59 people over five years from 1997. Several of the crashes were blamed on poorly maintained tracks.

Thames Valley Police said at least eight carriages on the service from London Paddington to Plymouth in southwest England derailed and one was split in two by the force of the impact.

The train was carrying about 300 passengers. Some 80 people were treated at two hospitals for injuries, although many had only minor cuts and bruises, ambulance and hospital officials said.

Ivory Coast mobs attack French targets

BY PARFAIT KOUASSI

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Machete-waving mobs looted and burned in Ivory Coast's largest cities Sunday, laying siege to a French military base and searching house to house for French families after a day of ground and air clashes between forces of France and its former colony.

Ivory Coast — its tiny air force destroyed and its airports taken by the French in retaliation for a deadly airstrike on a French peacekeeping position — reluctantly said Sunday it was willing to cease fire and that it was pulling back troops.

The move aims to restore a cease-fire with rebels controlling the north that was in place for more than a year until government forces broke it on Thursday.

Still, the government took a defiant tone. Ivory Coast will ask the Security Council for action against France, presidential spokesman Desire Tagbo declared on state TV, adding, "We are faced with aggression by one country against another country. ... France has come to attack us."

France's punishing military strikes came in retaliation for the Ivory Coast air force's surprise bombing of a French peacekeeping position on Saturday in the north, held by rebels since civil war broke out in the world's top cocoa producer in September 2002.

France has about 4,000 peacekeepers in Ivory Coast and the United Nations 6,000, trying to hold together a country vital to the stability of the region.

Saturday's airstrike killed nine French troops and an American consultant working for an aid group.

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Macedonia referendum

SKOPIJE, Macedonia — Macedonia's peace process was at a crossroads Sunday as voters cast ballots in a referendum on whether to grant local autonomy to the country's ethnic Albanians.

Voters were considering whether to annul a law that redraw districts in the Balkan republic and made the ethnic Albanians a dominant force in 16 out of 84 districts — effectively granting Albanians a large degree of self-rule.

The law was approved by parliament in August, but the measure has infuriated Macedonian hard-liners, who forced the referendum to try to block the reform.

Afghan kidnapping

KABUL, Afghanistan — Militants threatening to kill three kidnapped U.N. workers said they handed over a list Sunday of 26 prisoners, some of them possibly being held by the United States at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who they would exchange for the hostages.

A purported spokesman for the group claiming to hold the trio also said it might remove its other demands.

Neither the United Nations nor the government have confirmed any contact with the kidnappers, though Afghan officials insist they are making progress toward the hostages' release.

From The Associated Press

Spokesman: Arafat still in intensive care



Moroccan-born Badrane Lachab places a candle at a makeshift shrine outside Paris on Sunday for ailing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Israel completes plans for Palestinian leader's burial

BY LARA SUKHITIAN
The Associated Press

CLAMART, France — A senior aide to Yasser Arafat said early Sunday the ailing Palestinian leader was not comatose but still in intensive care, adding to the confusion about his fragile health.

"He is not in a coma," Arafat's spokesman, Nabil Abu Rdeneh, said after coming out of the French military hospital where Arafat has been undergoing treatment for more than a week. "Right now he is sleeping," Abu Rdeneh said shortly after midnight.

On Friday, Leila Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to France, said the 75-year-old Arafat was in a "reversible coma" and "at a critical point between life and death."

On Saturday, hospital spokesman Gen. Christian Estrépeau described Arafat's condition as identical to a day earlier, when he said there had been no change — for better or worse. The hospital has refused to elaborate, citing the family's wishes.

It was unclear early Sunday whether

Arafat had emerged from a coma or had never been in one — as other Palestinian officials have insisted.

Abu Rdeneh said Arafat had undergone further medical tests and that results were expected within days.

"He is still in the intensive care unit," Abu Rdeneh said.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia, in a bid to preserve calm, made a rare visit to the Gaza Strip for talks with rival Palestinian groups.

Qureia met for four hours with representatives of the 13 major Palestinian factions, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as well as security chiefs, lawmakers and officials of Arafat's Fatah faction. Such a broad gathering is extremely rare.

He was accompanied by Parliament Speaker Rauli Fattouh, who would step in as a caretaker president of the Palestinian Authority when Arafat dies.

Arafat first fell ill nearly a month ago with symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. He was airlifted to France from his West Bank compound in Ramallah a week ago

after briefly passing out. On Wednesday, his condition deteriorated and he was moved to an intensive care unit.

Meanwhile, Israel has completed preparations for the ailing Yasser Arafat to be buried in the Gaza Strip, outlining plans to allow West Bank Palestinians to cross through Israel for the funeral and permitting enemy Arab leaders to attend, security officials said Sunday.

The decision, announced by Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz in a Cabinet meeting, was the latest development in the battle over Arafat's burial. With the Palestinian leader's condition increasingly dire, where to bury him has become a sensitive issue.

Palestinian officials have said Arafat wants to be buried in Jerusalem. Israel rejects that demand, citing security concerns and fearing it would strengthen Palestinian claims to the traditionally Arab sector of the city as a future capital.

Israeli officials have suggested Gaza as an alternative, but say they will consider Palestinian wishes for burial elsewhere. They said they have not been contacted by the Palestinians.

Russians mark Revolution Day anniversary with ceremonies

BY MARA D. BELLABY
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russians marked the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution on Sunday with marches, communist rallies and protests against a parliamentary proposal to scrap what was once the most sacred Soviet holi-

day.

Some pro-Kremlin lawmakers have proposed replacing the Nov. 7 holiday with a new holiday on Nov. 4 to be called National Unity Day. Russia's lower house of parliament, the State Duma, is expected to consider the measure Wednesday in the first of three required votes.

"This day was and will be a landmark event, and its celebration cannot be abolished," Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov said, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency. "People suffered for this holiday, and no one has the right to trample on our history."

After the collapse of the Soviet

Union, former President Boris Yeltsin also wanted to scrap the holiday. In a compromise, it was preserved but renamed the Day of Accord and Reconciliation.

At least 8,000 Communist Party backers and members of the ultra-nationalist National Bolshevik party gathered Sunday at a square that used to be named

after Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin and marched across Moscow toward a statue of Karl Marx. They carried the Soviet hammer-and-sickle flag, a giant portrait of Lenin and banners such as "U.S.S.R. — our Homeland," and sang Soviet-era songs.

About 1,000 Ukrainians also marked the Soviet holiday.

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IN THE STATES

Rove: Nominees to get fair hearings

BY JENNIFER C. KERR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House expressed confidence Sunday that President Bush's judicial nominees will get a fair hearing in the Senate, despite comments from Republican Sen. Arlen Specter that anti-abortion judges were unlikely to be confirmed by the newly elected Senate.

Chief political adviser Karl Rove said Specter, in line to head the Senate Judiciary Committee, has assured the president that he would make certain that every one of Bush's nominees receives a prompt hearing and an up-or-down vote by the full Senate.

"Senator Specter's a man of his word," Rove told Fox News Sunday. "We'll take him at his word."

The Pennsylvania lawmaker is next in line to chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would oversee Bush's judicial selections, including any Supreme Court nominations. Last week, Specter told reporters that "judges who would change the right of a woman to choose, overturn Roe v. Wade" probably would face problems in the Senate.

Specter said Bush has had trouble getting some of his nominees through the Senate because of Democratic filibusters. He added: "I would expect the president to be mindful of the considerations which I am mentioning."

Filibusters, a bill-killing tactic of unlimited debate, remain possible in the Senate elected last week because the Republicans' 55-45 majority falls five votes short of the 60 needed to cut off debate.

Specter's comments on the question came a day after he won re-election in Pennsylvania in a tight race in which the president campaigned for him. The remarks outraged conservative groups such as Concerned Women for America, which sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist urging him to prevent Specter from taking the chairmanship.

Specter backtracked the next day, saying he wasn't warning Bush not to make those kinds of choices.



Adviser Karl Rove said he expects the president's judicial nominees to get fair hearings.

Blair to visit Bush

WASHINGTON — President Bush's first postelection meeting with a foreign leader comes this week when Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain, a staunch ally on Iraq, is due for two days of discussions at the White House.

Blair will be in Washington on Thursday and Friday for meetings to chart the way forward on a range of issues including terrorism and Iraq, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

McClellan said the meeting is part of Bush's intention to reach out to allies in Europe and NATO "to promote development and progress, to defeat the terrorists and to encourage freedom and democracy as alternatives to tyranny and terror."

Blair, in supporting the U.S.-led war in Iraq, has defied public opinion at home and in many European capitals.

Iraq adviser to resign

WASHINGTON — The White House's director of postwar policy for Iraq, who was instrumental in helping to set up an interim government to lead that country until elections can be held, is stepping down.

Robert Blackwill, a former ambassador to India, has overseen Iraq strategy at the National Security Council since mid-2003. He decided "some time ago" to depart government service after the presidential election, a White House official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Saturday.

It was the second report in two days of a ranking official's decision to leave the Bush administration's national security establishment. On Friday, the State Department confirmed the impending departure of J. Cofer Black, the department's chief counterterrorism figure.

From The Associated Press

CDC: Drug sales can help track spread of flu virus

BY DIETRA HENDERSON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of over-the-counter drugs taken to treat the flu may help the government learn more quickly about local outbreaks.

The government now receives figures representing 80 percent of the sales of remedies for cold symptoms and diarrhea, for example, in an effort to spot disease trends.

A sudden spike in sales of those products "might be a hint that flu is emerging," the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told reporters Sunday.

"It's a clue. And we don't know if it's going to be a useful clue or not," Dr. Julie Gerberding said during the American Public Health Association's annual meeting.

The experiment comes as the United States struggles with a shortage of flu vaccine caused by contamination problems at a Chiron Corp. plant in Britain, where 48 million doses destined for the United States were quarantined.

Through increased production at other plants, the government

has obtained more than 60 million doses of vaccine. U.S. officials had hoped to supply 100 million doses this year.

Food and Drug Administration inspectors are visiting plants in Germany and Canada in pursuit of more flu vaccine.

When the crisis first began, Gerberding said she told her team she wanted three things:

■ Breakdowns, by county, where flu was spreading. The drug sales may help give an earlier glimpse than waiting for hospitals to fill with the sickest patients.

■ Where vaccine arrived, by county.

■ Areas where sick people needed vaccine but supplies had not arrived.

The flu season appears to be starting slowly this year, Gerberding said.

Several states are reporting a few cases, including Texas and two New York nursing homes. Many states, however, have not recorded a single flu case. Not one is reporting widespread flu activity.

"We're not getting off to a fast start," he said, adding that that did mean this year's season would remain light.

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Border Patrol numbers questioned

Activists criticize varied counting of dead migrants crossing into U.S.

BY ANDREA ALMOND
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Flying low over the Sonoran Desert, Border Patrol agents spotted a skeleton sprawled in the brush.

The harsh terrain along the southern edge of Arizona is a busy trafficking corridor for illegal immigrants and the remains could have been from a person who died while trying to sneak into the United States. But busy Interstate 8 runs nearby and it also could have been a U.S. citizen, a suicide, a runaway.

The Border Patrol is facing criticism for the way it counts the dead along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

"It's rarely a cut-and-dry decision," said Joe Brigrum, spokesman for the Border Patrol station at Yuma, Ariz. "In some cases, you just don't know."

The agency says its increased vigilance has helped reduce deaths among illegal immigrants.

Human rights activists, however, say it's in the government's interest to keep its count low. They contend the agency tries to shave the number of deaths by excluding many skeletal remains, car accident victims and bodies discovered by local law enforcement agencies.

The American people have the right to know the human cost, the real human cost, of these policies," says Claudia Smith, a San Diego attorney with California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation.



Marchers carry a casket last month along a section of the U.S.-Mexico border fence in Tijuana, Mexico, to mark the 10th anniversary of the U.S. border enforcement program Operation Gatekeeper. Activists contend the U.S. Border Patrol has tried to shave its count by excluding from its total many skeletal remains, car-accident deaths and bodies discovered by local law enforcement agencies.

From documents and other clues found on the body spotted east of Yuma, the agency concluded the remains ended belong to an immigrant — among 325 the Border Patrol counted in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, down from 340 the year before.

Smith, who has tracked migrant deaths for 10 years, says the counting method is inconsistent from one government agency to the next — and sometimes even from one Border Patrol sector to another.

For instance, in Arizona, the busiest stretch for illegal entries, the Border Patrol reported a record 177 deaths in fiscal 2004.

But medical examiner's offices in Arizona put the toll at around 221.

Andy Adams, spokesman for the Tucson Border Patrol sector, said local law enforcement agencies do not always notify the Border Patrol when they handle the death of a possible illegal immigrant.

Agents in Tucson say they do not count the deaths of illegal immigrants' smugglers or guides. "We count someone who is furthering their entry into the United States," Adams said in a telephone interview. "And we feel smugglers and guides are just going back and forth, so they aren't counted."

However, Border Patrol officials in Washington, D.C., say it has been standard policy to include smugglers since 1998. Location also affects the count.

Smith points to the case of 19 people found dead in a stifling truck trailer near Victoria, Texas, in 2003. It was the deadliest immigrant-smuggling attempt in the United States in more than 15 years, but the deaths were not included in Border Patrol statistics, officials say, because the victims were too far from the border.

The agency's count typically includes people found only in 43 U.S. counties that are within a 100-mile-wide belt along the border with Mexico.

Border Patrol officials bristle at the allegation they are under-counting deaths.

"We are very interested in knowing about any death discovered along the border," said Mario Villareal, a Washington-based spokesman for Customs and Border Protection.

Border Patrol also only counts deaths of migrants found on the U.S. side of the border. Mexico tracks fatalities on either side of the border, but only those of Mexican nationals.

In 2004, Mexico counted 286 such deaths. In each of the previous three years, Mexico's death toll was higher than the total kept by the Border Patrol.

Some activists are calling for an independent agency to take charge of counting deaths.

"We're entitled to know the human cost of these (border control) programs," said the Rev. Genevieve Bender, founder of the name Bender, an organization that has set up water stations in the Sonoran desert for border crossers. "How can we possibly know the proper public policy if we don't even have an accurate body count?"

Ground zero suicide after election under investigation

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 25-year-old from Georgia who was apparently distraught over President Bush's re-election shot and killed himself at ground zero of the World Trade Center.

Andrew Veal's body was found Saturday morning inside the off-limits site, said Steve Coleman, a spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. A shotgun was found nearby, but no suicide note was found, Coleman said.

Veal's mother said her son was upset about the result of the presidential election and had driven to New York, Gus Danese, president of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association, told The New York Times in Sunday's editions.

Friends said Veal worked in a computer lab at the University of Georgia and was planning to marry.

"I'm absolutely sure it's a protest," said Mary Anne Mauney, Veal's supervisor at the lab, told The Daily News. "I don't know what made him commit suicide, but where he did it was symbolic."

Police were investigating how Veal entered the former World Trade Center site, which is protected by high fences and owned by the Port Authority.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
British pound	\$1,327
Japanese yen (Nov. 8)	\$1.89
South Korean won (Nov. 8)	\$184.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1,856
Canada (Dollar)	0.7070
Denmark (Krone)	\$5.796
Egypt (Pound)	\$1.970
Euro	\$1.2962
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.719
Hungary (Forint)	199.88
Indonesia (Rupiah)	1,370
Israel (Sheqel)	4.438
Italy (Lira)	2,036
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2947
Malaysia (Ringgit)	3.76
Philippines (Peso)	56.38
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.75
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3770
South Korea (Won)	111.60
Switzerland (Franc)	0.693
Thailand (Baht)	47.05

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for nonlocal currency exchange rates. The Netherlands and the United Kingdom, for nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), are based on the local military exchange facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates for U.S. dollars against the buying currency. All figures are foreign exchange rates, which is represented in British pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS	
New York Merc exchange	
Gold	\$433.60
Silver	\$14.60
INTEREST RATES	
Prime rate	4.75
Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.00
3-month bill	2.60
30-year Treasury bond	4.26

Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of America

Gay-themed T-shirts stir debate in Missouri town

BY STEVE ROCK
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WEBB CITY, Mo. — Whether the townfolk know it or not, Webb City, in the southwest corner of Missouri, has become a battleground in the gay rights movement.

Twice in the last two weeks, Brad Mathewson, a junior at Webb City High School, was instructed by school officials to change T-shirts that bore gay rights themes. The first of the two incidents prompted Mathewson to contact the American Civil Liberties Union.

Now the ACLU is actively in-

volved. The organization has engaged a local lawyer, shipped out news releases en masse and met with school officials.

Chris Hampton, public education associate for the ACLU, called the school's actions "viewpoint-based censorship." She disputes the superintendent's suggestions that the ACLU is a bully wanting only to embarrass the school.

It started Oct. 20 when Mathewson, who had recently moved to town from Fayetteville, Ark., went to school wearing a shirt from his previous school that had the words "FHS Gay/Straight Alliance" and a message supportive of gay rights.

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day Finding low hotel rates

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK — Lodging can be the most expensive part of a vacation.

Knowing where to look and how to search are the keys to getting the lowest rates, according to David Downing, travel columnist for Fodors.com, the Web site of one of the largest English-language guidebook publishers.

To get the best hotel rates, review the following:

- First, check online for discount hotel rates. There are numerous Web sites offering deals on hotel rates, even for last-minute reservations.

- Check the hotel's Web site. You can often get good rates directly. Downing said. Before hotels had the capability to offer bookings online, they would hand off all the overstock rooms — and the great rates — to the discount travel Web sites. "That's not the case anymore,"

he added. The hotel may offer perks such as loyalty points, room upgrades or a free breakfast to lure repeat customers who book rooms directly through the hotel. It may also have so-called Web-only deals on its own site.

■ Try calling the hotel itself — not the chain's toll-free number — and ask for the best rate. Call an agent at the toll-free number. "You might not know much about individual hotels, but you can bet the hotel's staff will know about all the latest deals. You may find out about special promotions or discounts, such as those for AAA members or for people belonging to specific professional associations."

Some people go as far as calling the hotel and asking it to match the low rate found online. It seems bold, but hotel managers may be tempted to give in. Managers are rated by the hotels on occupancy, Downing said, so booking rooms at low rates is more beneficial than leaving them empty.

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OPINION

Message sent: Democrats lack messenger

In the end this was as it began — an election that essentially was a referendum on the administration of George W. Bush, with John Kerry at times almost incidental to the process.

So now Democrats, without the coalition that kept them in the congressional majority for much of the last two-thirds of the past century, must once again search for a message that, as former Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell put it, will restore their identity as a national party. It will be a daunting task requiring an abandonment of outmoded concepts that have afflicted their leaders and, even more importantly, their political strategists.

If nothing else, this election showed that the nation's conservative stripe has not faded since Ronald Reagan and that, even during these times of terrorism and warfare, social issues are a driving force for many voters — that abortion and gay marriage are concerns that coalesce in the Republican base, just as economic considerations and liberal causes did for Roosevelt, Truman and Kennedy Democrats.

By all historical measurement, the large turnout should not have favored the incumbent, especially in the midst of a war that polls show an increasing number of Americans think was a bad idea. ... Kerry just had to show up, be acceptable and not make any major mistakes. The youth vote, fed by fears

of a new military draft and led by iconic rock stars; women who opposed the president's anti-abortion stance, and the blue-collar work force faced with the prospect of steadily declining visibility should know the polls for him, according to the prognosis, offsetting the evangelicals with their 19th century ideals.

But the results were something else. The 18-to-44 voters, as many political experts privately feared, acted pretty much as they always have — they didn't show up. Ironically, many of those who did were far more conservative than their '60s predecessors.

Instead, the "value" voters overwrought about Kerry's liberal Senate record and party positions on social issues were the ones who did, producing record numbers at polling places almost everywhere. There always was a feeling the pollsters were missing a crucial bloc of the electorate, the white, lower-middle-income voter whose concerns about the loss of jobs was superseded only by their fear that someone would take away their firearms or convince their daughter to terminate a pregnancy. It became real.

Party leaders also believed that they could overcome Kerry's considerable lack of charisma and his past ambivalence on national issues. His patrician New England upbringing — while potentially off-putting in Middle America — would be displaced, strategists believed, by voter concerns over traditional issues such as the deficit and growing U.S. involvement from the rest of the world.

Historian Doris Kearns Goodwin said it otherwise, contending that while Kerry's mouth said one thing, value-oriented voters were his heart restful. ... His rhetoric on things that mattered to them. With Bill Clinton it had been just the opposite. His much humbler upbringing, South-



ern charm and obvious like of people were in sharp contrast to Kerry's stiff, frequently sonorous pronouncements. ... Clinton's abbreviated campaigning for Kerry probably was more a detriment than a help to the nominee because it merely highlighted Kerry's failure to connect, reminding voters what they were missing.

All this leaves Democrats struggling to find a new means of defining themselves. Hanging lost the White House twice, Congress for 12 years and most of the statehouses, it should be obvious by now that Roosevelt liberalism isn't the answer, "stu-

pid." This is a party sorely in need of someone ... who understands that this is basically a moderate, mainstream electorate not willing to stray far to the right or the left ...

Recapitulating the campaign of 2004 ... historians are likely to say that the incumbent stayed on message, not swerving throughout an arduous campaign, and remained faithful to his core beliefs and those of his base, right or wrong. Qualities Americans like. In the end, his former message carried the referendum.

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Nations must reassess now that Bush has new term

Where demonstrated at the polls that America is still the land of Lincoln, even if Illinois no longer may be. Not since 1864 has the outcome of a war depended on how we

voted. In 1864, military victory Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's capture of Atlanta — pre-saged political victory. Without that battlefied triumph to buoy spirits, President Lincoln almost certainly would have been defeated. ... as a war-weary North likely would have preferred dissolution of the Union to continued conflict.

In 2004, political victory presages military victory. The most immediate losers abroad are the terrorist thugs in Fallujah, who are about to have the hammer fall on them.

The hammer would have dropped on Fallujah in any event — Bush would have been president until January even if Kerry had won — but now al-Qaida and the Baathist remnants in the renegade town know they are going to die in vain. There will be after January, no rest, no respite, no sanctuary from President Bush's relentless pursuit.

Another loser is Osama bin Laden. He was reduced to trying to influence our election with a videotape, apparently because his network was unable to pull off here the kind of terrorist atrocities that influenced the Spanish election.

There has been no successful terrorist attack on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001. I'm not at all certain that would have been the case if Al Gore or John Kerry were president.

"People are telling you [this] will be the

most important election of our lives," wrote former Air Force pilot and Web logger Bill Whittle, a Gore supporter in 2000, a few days before the vote. "That is not true. The most important election of your lives was held on Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 2000. You just didn't know it. Neither did I."

"What happened on that day led to one man being in the White House these last four years, rather than the other one," Whittle said. "George W. Bush was commander in chief when we needed him most."

The war on terror is likely to outlast a second Bush term. But the president can now put us far enough down the path to victory that no future Democratic president would want — or be able — to deflect us from it.

Now that it is clear that this tough, determined man will be in the White House for four more years, backed by a majority of the American people and solid majorities in

both houses of Congress, those abroad who strew obstacles in our path are undergoing what pundits call "agonizing reassessment."

Booied by Kerry's promise to reopen the kind of bilateral negotiations under which the Clinton administration gave financial aid to North Korea to not develop nuclear weapons, while permitting North Korea to continue its weapons program in secret, North Korea walked out of six-party talks with the United States, South Korea, Japan, Russia and China, and escalated its anti-American rhetoric.

But North Korea is likely to return to six-party talks on its nuclear programs now that the U.S. presidential election is over, South Korean foreign minister Ban Ki-moon said, according to a South Korean news agency.

European nations that tried to hobble our efforts in Iraq are striving to get back in our

good graces: "I hope your second term will provide an opportunity to reinforce the Franco-American friendship," French President Jacques Chirac wrote in a letter to Bush.

The leaders of Spain and Germany and the president of the European Union were also hastening to make nice.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said he "felt joy" at Bush's re-election.

"International terrorism gave itself the goal of not allowing the re-election of President Bush," Putin said. "Our relations in the last four years have undergone a big change, for the good of our peoples. ... [Bush] is a reliable and predictable partner. He has proven to be a firm man, with a strong character, and a coherent policy."

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Mallard Fillmore



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BY BRUCE TINSLEY



AFRTS Television Schedule

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2004

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Stanley	Movie *** "Two Against Time" (2002, Drama) Mario Thomas, Joe Perry, Steve Muth.	Dr. Phil	Jopardy!	The Bethany Boys	PGA Golf The Tour Championship - Final Round From East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta (Taped)	30 Minute Meals	Jopardy!
9:30 Sagwa-Siamese Cat		Oprah Winfrey	Headline News	Fox News Watch		Paula's Home Cooking	Headline News
10:00 Arthur (E)		Guiding Light	ESPNews	Bulls and Bears		Cheung's Challenge	ESPNews
10:30 Between the Lions (E)	(44) Movie *** "Alvin" (1995, Drama) Ethan Hawke, Emma Stone, Josh Hamilton, Plane crash survivors are forced to resort to cannibalism.	General Hospital	Without a Trace "Revelations"	Critics on Business		AFN Evening News	AFN Evening News
11:00 Sagwa-Siamese Cat		Today News	Without a Trace "Revelations"	Dateline NBC		The Soup	60 Minutes
11:30 Stanley		Headline News	Without a Trace "Revelations"	Next at CNN		The King of Queens	Without a Trace "Revelations"
12:00 Dora the Explorer		Judge Judy				Girlfriends	
12:30 The Wiggles		Today News	24 "Day 3: 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM"	Good Morning America	SportsCenter	Charmed "Hell Hath No Fury"	24 "Day 3: 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM"
13:00 Bob the Builder	Movie *** "St. Elmo's Fire" (1985, Drama) Rob Lowe, New college graduates try to find their niche in the city.	Chalzone (E)	Pacific Report			Aly McBeal "I Know Him by Name"	Pacific Report
13:30 Dragon Tales (E)		Muchacha	The Tonight Show		NBA Fastbreak	Any Day Now "Three Hours a Week"	The Tonight Show
14:00 Blue's Clues Blue is sad.		Kim Possible		Access Hollywood		ER "Blood, Sugar, Sex, Magic"	Access Hollywood
14:30 Barney & Friends (E)	(20) Movie *** "The Tiger" (2002, Drama) Burt Reynolds, Burt Reynolds, Burt Reynolds.	Headline News		The Late Late Show		Law & Order "Hill"	The Late Late Show
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	Woods Story (1998, Biography) Khalil Khan. Based on the life of golf great Tiger Woods.	Headline News			AFP Tennis: Tennis Masters Series - BNP Paribas	The Simpsons	Dennis Miller
16:00 Pokemon "Lapras of Luxury"		Headline News			SportsCenter	College Football Teams to Be Announced	College Football Teams to Be Announced
16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 4)	Access Hollywood	Headline News				Law & Order "Hillman"	Entertainment Studios.com
17:00 Rocket Power (Part 2 of 3)	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News				American Hot Rod "Junkyard Dog 1"	NFL Monday Quarterback
18:00 SpongeBob SquarePants	APN Evening News	Headline News				Friends	NFL Monday Quarterback
18:30 Rugrats	Movie *** "Adaptation." (2002) Nicolas Cage. A neurotic screenwriter has trouble with a difficult book.	Headline News				Seinfeld "The Secret Code"	Seinfeld "The Club"
19:00 Lizzie McGuire	Movie *** "Snow Dogs" (2002, Comedy) Cuba Gooding Jr. A Miami dentist becomes a sled-dog racer in Alaska.	Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
19:30 Taina "Friend or Phone"		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
20:00 Smallville "Hug"		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
20:30		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
21:00 Boy Meets World		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
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22:00 The Cosby Show		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
22:30 Home Improvement		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
23:00 Touched by an Angel "The Journalist"		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"
23:30		Headline News				Seinfeld "The Club"	Seinfeld "The Club"

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

00:00 Hey Arnold!	(11) 30 Minute Meals	Play With Me Sesame	Headline News	SportsCenter	Late Night With Conan O'Brien	Play With Me Sesame
00:30 Rocket Power	Movie *** "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy. A plump scientist transforms himself into a wattle waffle.	Headline News	Headline News	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	For Love or Money	Sagwa-Siamese Cat
1:00 SpongeBob SquarePants		Headline News	Headline News	ABC World News Tonight	Wheel of Fortune	Wheel of Fortune
1:30 Rugrats		Headline News	Headline News	CBS Evening News	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil
2:00 Lizzie McGuire		Headline News	Headline News	Countdown With Keith Urban	Chump Car World Series Race From Las Vegas	Law & Order "Hillman"
2:30 Taina "Friend or Phone"		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	American Hot Rod "Junkyard Dog 1"	Oprah Winfrey
3:00 Smallville "Hug"		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Friends	NBC Nightly News
3:30		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Seinfeld "The Secret Code"	Access Hollywood
4:00 Boy Meets World		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Caribbean Workout	(25) Guiding Light
4:30 Boy Meets World		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Body Shopping	(13) General Hospital
5:00 Sesame Street (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
5:30 Barney & Friends (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
6:00		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
6:30 Blue's Clues Costume party		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
7:00 Dragon Tales (E)		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
7:30 Bob the Builder		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
8:00 The Wiggles		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
8:30 Dora the Explorer		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
9:00 Stanley "X-Ray Xtra"		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
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15:30 Full House		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
16:00 Pokemon		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh! Yugi lights back.		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
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19:00 The Proud Family		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
19:30 The Amanda Show		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
20:00 Everwood "Is There a Doctor in the House?"		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
20:30		Headline News	Headline News	Law & Order "Hillman"	Willy Mac	Willy Mac
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Sharpton, wife split up

The Rev. Al Sharpton and his wife, Kathy Jordan Sharpton, have announced their separation after 23 years of marriage.



Sharpton

The Sharptons said in a statement in New York Friday that they "will remain on the best of terms."

The pair "have extremely active careers and their separation allows them to continue pursuing their work interests," the statement said. "They will continue to work together in their civil rights work and in their other business ventures, including those in the entertainment industry."

The seven will officially receive their awards at a Jan. 7 concert and ceremony in Long Beach, Calif.

Shaw, others become Jazz Masters

Former big band leader Artie Shaw is among seven artists who have been named National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters.

Since 1992, the National Endowment has awarded the title to a handful of living jazz musicians and promoters to recognize their contributions to the music form.

Those honored also include guitarist Kenny Burrell, clarinetist saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera, composer Slide Hampton, singer Shirley Horn, keyboardist Jimmy Smith and jazz impresario George Wein. The announcement was made Thursday at a gala hosted by Seattle's Earshot Jazz Society.

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Lynn to perform at MerleFest

Loretta Lynn and The Chieftains will make their debut appearances next year at MerleFest, the Americana music festival begun by bluegrass legend Doc Watson.

Dozens of acts are to perform at the 18th annual festival, from April 28 to May 1 in Wilkesboro, N.C., including returning favorites Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder, and Alison Krauss and Union Station.

Lynn won album of the year and artist of the year from the Americana Music Association earlier this year for "Van Lear Rose."

"The really neat thing about it is it appeals to young people and old people and everybody in between," said Claire Armbruster, MerleFest's art-list-relations coordinator. "It's just a great piece of work. It's rooted in country, not the slick country of today, but the roots of country."

Developer claims Trump stole design

A judge should order the destruction of two condo towers being built for an oceanfront resort that carries the name of Donald Trump, according to a lawsuit filed by a Miami architect who claims the billionaire and a hotel developer took his design.

The lawsuit filed by Paul Oravec says he was "shocked and dismayed" to see design photos of the towers at Trump Grande Ocean Resort and Residences in the newspaper after similar ideas he created were turned down by Trump.

The resort is under construction in Sunny Isles Beach on the Atlantic Ocean, just a few miles northeast of Miami.

Norma Foerdrer, a spokeswoman for Trump, said he couldn't comment because he hadn't seen the filing.

Woods sues yacht builder

Tiger Woods is taking a swing at the builder of his luxury yacht, the Privacy, accusing the shipyard of carrying his name and photograph for financial gain without permission.



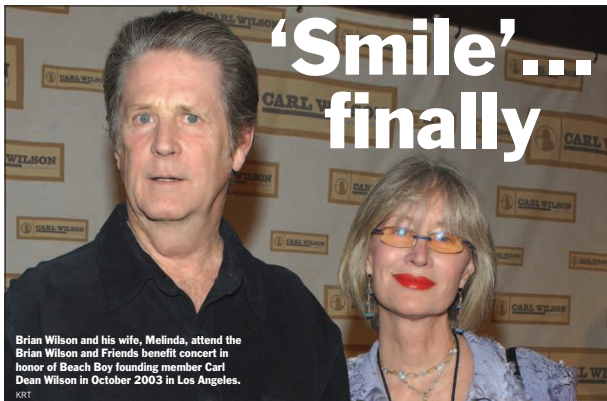
Woods

Lawyers for Woods sued in federal court on Oct. 29, claiming his contract with Christensen Shipyard's Ltd., barred the boat manufacturer from using the golfer to promote the company, but it did so anyway.

The lawsuit accuses the Vancouver, Wash.-based company of starting a "widespread national campaign" using Woods' name and photos of the 155-foot yacht. It also says the company used the golfer's name and the pictures in a display at the Fort Lauderdale [Fla.] Boat Show last month.

The lawsuit claims more than \$75,000 in damages for Woods because his privacy was violated.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Brian Wilson and his wife, Melinda, attend the Brian Wilson and Friends benefit concert in honor of Beach Boy founding member Carl Dean Wilson in October 2003 in Los Angeles.

'Smile'... finally

Brian Wilson's latest album was more than 30 years in the making

BY JOHN ROGERS

The Associated Press

If Brian Wilson could change just one thing in life, it wouldn't be the legendary emotional traumas, the insecurities, the drug abuse, the battles with weight or the endless legal conflicts that nearly destroyed him. "I would have made the rhythm of 'California Girls' a little better," Wilson deadpans. "That," he adds with the slightest of smiles, "isn't really possible."

Were Wilson not shy and extremely modest by nature, he'd probably be wearing a bigger smile these days. The genius who was the guiding force behind the Beach Boys — at a time when the group mattered to music as much as the Beatles — is back in all his creative glory.

The proof is "Smile," a 47-minute rock opera in three movements that, when the composer first envisioned it in 1966, was to have been a "teenage symphony to God."

He was 24 then. He is 62 now. Except for a slight paunch and the gray overtaking his wavy brown hair, Wilson's appearance has changed little from the gangly, cherub-faced youth who captivated the world with such songs as "Surfer Safari," "Little Deuce Coupe," "Surfer Girl," "Catch a Wave" and "Fun Fun Fun."

Though much of the public may forever associate him with the Beach Boys' three-minute odes to sand, girls and cars, Wilson grew to be one of pop music's greatest composers.

After the Beatles stunned the pop music world with the release of the elaborately produced "Rubber Soul" in 1965, Wilson one-upped them with "Pet Sounds." The Beatles, in turn, responded with "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," a work still regarded by Rolling Stone magazine as the greatest rock album ever made ("Pet Sounds" is No. 2).

"Rubber Soul" was such an experience for me to hear that I went to my piano and I started writing 'Pet Sounds' right away," Wilson, dressed in blue jeans, a pullover shirt and tennis shoes, said recently during a break from rehearsing "Smile" for a concert tour.

It was while the Beatles were in the studio putting together "Sgt. Pepper" that he and longtime collaborator Van Dyke Parks were working on "Smile" for the Beach Boys.

Those who heard early tapes predicted it would be the greatest rock accomplishment ever. But it was not to be, and the reasons why quickly became the stuff of legend.

Among the stories that spread over the years: Wilson suffered a nervous breakdown. He realized he couldn't top the Beatles again, and it drove him over the edge. His fellow

Beach Boys — in those days Wilson's cousin Mike Love; his brothers, Carl and Dennis Wilson; and Bruce Johnston and Al Jardine — couldn't understand, let alone begin to play, an album as complicated as "Smile."

So in frustration, it was said, Wilson set his studio on fire, destroyed all the "Smile" tapes, then locked himself in drug-addled seclusion in his room.

Indeed, his subsequent battles to overcome drug abuse and other problems would be well documented.

"The pressure of trying to live up to my name was a little hard for me, so I had some difficulties, some mental difficulties," he acknowledges now. "But I worked through it."

The reason he gives for shelving "Smile," however, is much less intriguing.

"I don't think it would have been a hit album," he says matter of factly. "I think it would have been a big bomb."

It was too advanced music. It was avant-garde music and it was too ahead of its time," he adds, noting that even after his wife, Melinda, persuaded him to finish it this year he still had doubts that it would be well received.

Fueled by sometimes-drug-induced visions, "Smile" sought to create a sprawling musical landscape of mid-America, one that extended across the 20th century and from the Midwest to Hawaii.

Lushly orchestrated and vocally challenging (a 22-piece band and a dozen voices are needed to perform it in concert), it clearly would have been the ultimate Beach Boys album.

Instead it has become Wilson's long-delayed masterpiece, a symphonic work bookended by two of his most heralded pop songs, "Heroes and Villains" and "Good Vibrations."

"It's pretty much like if Frank Zappa and Mozart got together," is how his current drummer, Jim Hines, describes it.

Wilson himself shuns comparisons to Mozart, Beethoven or other major musical figures. He cites his influences as his contemporaries the Beatles and, before that, producer Phil Spector, who created rock's "Wall of Sound."

"I don't consider myself to be a genius," he says. "I consider myself to be a clever songwriter."

Known for a history of stage fright, musicians who work with him now say Wilson appears to have gotten over it.

"Oh, no, no, no, it's not gone at all," he says with a chuckle. "I still have stage fright all the time. Before every concert, I do about a half hour of stage fright. But then, as soon as we hit our first notes and the band starts to play, and I start to sing, my fears go away. My fears and phobias just dissolve."

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Scholarly royals

WA SEATTLE — There's no more homecoming king and queen at the University of Washington, just royals.

The student group that organizes the annual campus festival has decided that gender should not play a role in the honor. The pair being presented are Emi Nomura Sumida, 20, of Seattle, and Gloria Cho, 19, of Bainbridge Island, who not the top scores in a scholarship contest.

The two women had not met before they were crowned at a private reception.

The Associated Students of the University of Washington broke from tradition last year in awarding the two \$1,000 scholarships funded by the school's alumni association, but no one noticed because they went to a man and a woman.

Girl left with slain mom

NY NEW YORK — A 2-year-old girl survived four days in a parked sport utility vehicle with the body of her slain mother, police said.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said authorities were investigating the apparent mishandling of a 911 call that could have led to the rescue of Rosie Batista a day earlier.

The little girl, who had been strapped into a child's seat, was hospitalized for dehydration and was in stable condition.

Leonardo Almonte, 32, was arrested on murder, kidnapping and reckless endangerment charges.

Investigators said they believe Almonte killed Colon by throwing her to the floor and choking her during an argument at their Queens home. He allegedly dumped her body in the passenger seat of a SUV, placed the child in the back seat and drove to a remote street about a mile away.

Mentally unfit ruling

CA SANTA BARBARA — A judge ruled that the man accused of being the Highway 101 sniper is mentally unfit to stand trial.

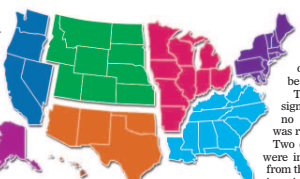
Keith Tomlinson, 36, was ordered to a state mental hospital until he's deemed competent to face seven counts of attempted murder and 12 counts of assault with a deadly weapon. Tomlinson allegedly fired at trucks and hurled big rocks at passing vehicles on five days in December 2003 and March 2004.

Police: Fake money used

WI WEST BEND — Four teens used funny money for fast food, taxis and other purchases before they were caught and charged with forgery for printing the fake funds on a home computer, police said.

Police Sgt. Gus Unerst said three 14-year-old boys and a 15-year-old boy were caught after some merchants noticed the \$5 bills were fake.

Unerst said authorities filed state charges of forgery instead of seeking federal counterfeiting charges because of the ages and because of the small denomination of the bills.



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Washington County juvenile authorities will recommend whether the boys will face a delinquency hearing. The four have been released to custody of their parents.

Man charged with con

MA SPRINGFIELD — A man accused of conning Springfield women with promises to help them get funding for community projects pleaded innocent and was ordered held on \$50,000 bail.

In one alleged scam, Richard W. Duff approached Sheila Shepard, whose twin sons were gunned down in street violence this summer, saying he could win her more than \$1 million in grant funding to start a youth center dedicated to her sons if she paid him \$850.

Shepard and others spoke about the alleged scam at a news conference following Duff's arraignment in Springfield District Court, where he pleaded innocent to two counts of larceny over \$250 and one count each of larceny of less than \$250 and larceny by false pretenses.

His lawyer, Scott Skolnick, said Duff denies any wrongdoing and was paid for writing grant applications.

Ship collision

TX GALVESTON — A 355-foot freighter with a crew of 16 Russians slammed into an unmanned natural gas platform about 17 miles off the Coast of

Galveston in the Gulf of Mexico, the Coast Guard said.

A fire that broke out on the platform could be seen from shore.

The platform sustained significant damage, but no injuries or pollution was reported.

Two offshore supply boats were in the area and crews from those vessels were able to put out the flames on the lower decks of the platform, owned by Houston-based EOG Resources Inc., the Coast Guard said.

The ship, the SCM Athina, has superstructure damage and scrapes to its hull. It was directed to an anchorage where authorities were interviewing the crew.

Sex assault charges

NH CONCORD — A former juvenile probation officer for the state faces five separate trials on charges he sexually assaulted the same 10-year-old girl five times.

Rodney Martinez, 47, of Laconia was indicted by a Belknap County grand jury earlier this year on three counts of aggravated felonious sexual assault and two counts of felonious sexual assault.

According to court records, he molested the girl when she came over to take care of and play with Martinez's own children. A year ago, Martinez's wife came home early and found her husband and the girl on the bed in her bedroom. She told the girl's mother, who contacted police.

The girl told authorities Martinez had lured her into the bedroom and touched her sexually several times between January 2002 and October 2003 — three times on her genitals and twice on her breasts.

Crevasse rescue

OR GOVERNMENT CAMP — Two climbers on Mount Hood fell into a crevasse, killing one and injuring the other, authorities said.

The surviving climber, who suffered a broken arm and broken ribs, used a cell phone to call for help, and rescuers hiked to the crevasse near Sandy Glacier, said Detective Jim Strovink, spokesman for the Clackamas County sheriff's office.

Later a National Guard helicopter lowered a medical team to the 8,500-foot level of Mount Hood, where they treated the surviving climber, Shaun Olcott, 37, before taking him to a Portland hospital. He was listed in stable condition.

The other climber, Kenny Kaskelder, 37, suffered head and back injuries and died at the scene.

State tuition hike

CT HARTFORD — Trustees for the Connecticut State University system approved tuition and fee increases of nearly 6 percent for next fall. The proposal raises the annual cost of attending one of the four branches of Connecticut State University by \$324 for an in-state student. CSU officials said that in addition to expanding some programs, the increased funding would also be used at all four campuses to cover higher utility, library and labor costs.



Protective mom

A 6-month-old male Sumatran tiger cub rests under his mother Soyo's careful watch at the National Zoo in Washington.



And the band plays on ...

The East Tennessee University band performs during homecoming festivities at the amphitheater in Johnson City, Tenn.



Sea of colors

A maple tree provides a brilliant backdrop as Jose Alvarez clears leaves in Vacaville, Calif.



Line maintenance

Road and Signage crew member Michael Taylor paints over a crosswalk in Atlantic City, N.J.



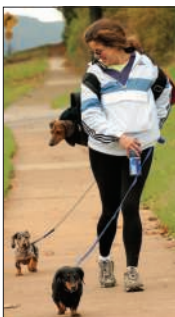
Serene bike ride

A lone biker makes his way up Monument Road in the Colorado National Monument near Grand Junction, Colo.



Shooting at the sky

Central Junior High photography student Amelia Firms-Hubert aims her camera lens skyward in Lawrence, Kan.



Time for walkies

Mary Romer of Huntsville, Ala., walks three dachshunds, Von Braun (in backpack), Patches and Smokey, in Huntsville, Ala.



Mouthwatering billboard

Workers use a lift to put up a railing for a billboard display over an advertisement for glazed donuts in Cincinnati.

Contractor gets 1 year

RI PROVIDENCE — A Smithfield contractor has been sentenced to a year in prison for scamming households out of money for work he never performed.

Albert Steven Perreault, 38, had been accused of scamming several households in Rhode Island and Massachusetts out of thousands of dollars. One project involved a \$10,000 dollar job at an apartment building in Providence's Silver Lake neighborhood.

Perreault got a contractor's license in 1993, and created his business, Total Roofing and Home Improvement. In October 2000, the contractors' license board suspended Perreault's license after it received numerous complaints from homeowners. Perreault ignored the suspension and continued to seek work under his company's name. In September, the board formally revoked his license.

A month later, Perreault turned himself in to the police in Raynham, Mass., where he was wanted on a felony charge of larceny by false pretenses.

Beach reconstruction

AL ORANGE BEACH — Contractors were announced for a \$24.2 million project to pump sand washed offshore back onto Alabama's beaches and restore coastal grasses lost during Hurricane Ivan.

Starting in January, crews from New Orleans-based Bean-Stuyvesant LLC will work to extend the beach about 200 feet. The project is planned to start at Perdido Key on the Florida border and move west. Gulf Shores Public Works Director Chuck Hamilton said the last stretch of West Beach could be renourished by Aug. 2005.

Judge loses twice

IL SPRINGFIELD — Election Day was doubly unkind to Judge Gordon Maag. The Democrat lost a race for the Supreme Court to Republican Lloyd Karmeier. Maag also lost a bid to keep his current seat on the 5th District Appellate Court in Southern Illinois, to which he was elected in 1994. The state Constitution requires Supreme Court and appellate court justices to run for retention every 10 years.

Indictment on fake sodas

PA PITTSBURGH — An unknown number of restaurants unwittingly took part in a bogus Coca-Cola taste test, according to a federal grand jury indictment.

The indictment accuses a now-defunct distributor of shipping soft drinks to restaurants throughout southwest Pennsylvania with bogus labels promising Coca-Cola, Coke, Coca-Cola Classic, Cherry Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Ramblin Root Beer.

Joseph Stefanic Jr., 50, pleaded not guilty to trademark infringement, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

New city approved

OR DAMASCUS — Oregon gained a new city on Election Day.

In Clatsamas County, 3,000 residents voted to incorporate Dam-

ascus and approved a five-member city council that will choose a mayor.

It's the state's first new city since Ketter in 1982.

Community crimefighters

MA BOSTON — Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority police officials said crimes decreased this year from January to September due to strong community and multiagency involvement. The MBTA recorded only two assaults in the transit system involving guns, compared to seven in 2003, and knifepoint robberies dropped from 42 in 2003 to 17. Police arrested 11 students through September of this year, compared with 16 in the same period in 2003.

Down with amphitheater

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A Butler University campus amphitheater will be torn down to make way for new student housing and a fitness center, school officials said. The 4,000-seat Hilton U. Brown Theatre attracted performers such as Liza Minnelli, Liberace and Jack Benny over nearly 40 years. The new housing will include several apartment-style buildings with space for 500 students. The project is expected to be done in August 2006.

Perfect match

NJ TRENTON — A 29-year-old woman whose desperate search for a bone marrow transplant led to a nationwide campaign to recruit more donors of South Asian descent has found a perfect match.

Pia Aval, who has leukemia, initially was told that the odds of obtaining a lifesaving transplant were slim. Her best chance was from another person of South Asian descent, among the most underrepresented groups in the nation's bone marrow registry.

Family members and other loved ones built a Web site and helped get 12,442 more people tested in just 14 weeks.

Now a donor in Britain has been identified, and Aval, whose family immigrated from India, is expected to undergo the transplant later this month in Seattle.

Memorial dedication

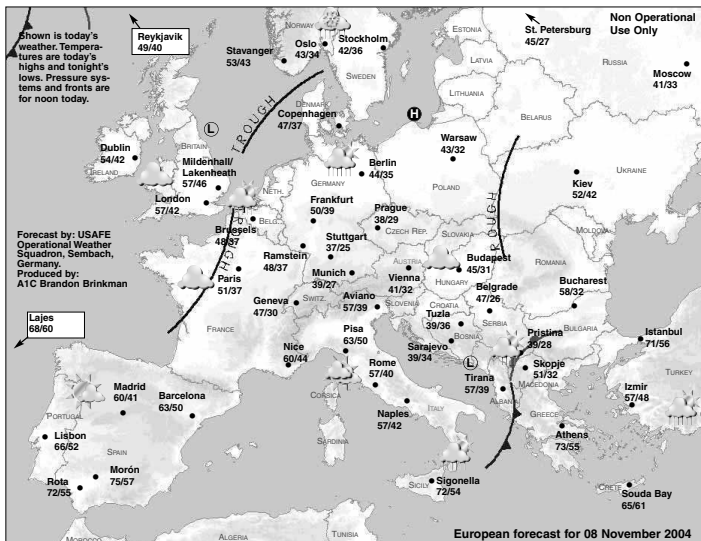
NM WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE — Former Iraqi prisoners of war Jessica Lynch and Joseph Hudson helped dedicate an oak tree in honor of Army Spc. Lori Ann Piastewa, who was killed in Iraq last year.

The tree and a plaque in Piastewa's honor are located outside a three-story barracks at White Sands.

Piastewa, 23, died after her convoy took a wrong turn and was ambushed near Nasiriyah in March 2003. Other members of 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Bliss, Texas, including Lynch and Hudson, from nearby Alamogordo, were taken prisoner.

Piastewa, a member of the Hopi Tribe who lived in Tuba City, Ariz., on the Navajo Nation, was the first woman killed in the war and is believed to be the first American Indian woman killed in combat fighting for the U.S. military. She had two children.

Stories and photos from wire services



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Freeport	87	75	Rabat	74	54
Kinshasa	88	72	Tripoli	80	62

THE WORLD

Amsterdam	HI 40	LO 36	Manila	HI 80	71
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TODAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

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EUROPEAN FORECAST

BeneLux: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the upper 40s, Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the mid-50s, Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with snow/rain showers and fog. Highs in the upper 30s, Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

France: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the lower 50s to lower 70s, Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the 40s, Tuesday lows in the mid-50s to lower 50s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with snow/rain showers. Highs in the upper 30s to lower 50s, Tuesday lows in the mid-20s to mid-30s.

Hungary: Mostly cloudy with rain showers. Highs in the mid 40s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, Tuesday lows in the upper 40s to lower 50s.

Southern Italy: Mostly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 70s, Tuesday lows in the low to mid 30s.

Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with isolated snow/rain showers and fog. Highs in the upper 30s to upper 50s, Tuesday lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s.

Norway: Mostly cloudy with isolated snow/rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s to low 50s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s to mid 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 50s to mid 70s, Tuesday lows in the lower 40s to mid 50s.

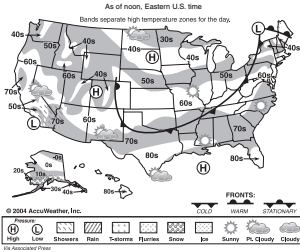
Turkey: Partly cloudy with isolated rain showers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 70s, Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts visit the USAF Operational Weather Squadron home page at: <https://www.sembach.af.mil>

SUN & MOON

	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise (Baghdad)	6:50	7:28am
Sunrise (Frankfurt)	7:56am	5:09pm
Sunset (Frankfurt)	4:52pm	4:15pm

THE UNITED STATES OUTLOOK



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Horoscope

Saturn turns retrograde, and it will travel this way until March 21. Past choices that made sense at the time will be seen in a different way as layers of emotion and behavior are examined more closely in the weeks to come. We may feel silly about some things we've done, but that's better than never maturing enough to realize how silly we were.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(November 8). This is a

very good year for your earning potential and financial stability. If you're looking

for a big promotion c

it's best to wait until after January approach the boss. Your love life gets a boost, too — a crush that

begins during the holiday season blossoms in the spring. Take a chance, and start an extra income source in February.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your ruling planet sends the message: Strut your stuff! With a little flair, you'll edge out the competition.

and the so-called other guys won't even know what hit them. Romantic moments are especially exciting

MATHIS (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The more odds and ends you can wrap up, the better you'll feel. Focus on getting rid of stuff rather than adding to what you've already got. Take the dog to be groomed, rake the lawn, or make a donation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't be surprised if you feel a sudden welling up of emotion as the scale tips toward "overload." You may be expected to turn on the charm when all you really want to do is snack in front of the TV. Rise to the occasion instead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're waiting for the right moment to strike. Hold off for a few days — your plans for world domination will have a much better chance of success. Until then, distract yourself with beautiful things: artwork, music, your partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your social acumen impresses. Throw an impromptu party, or make a toast. Mercury, the planet of communication, is loving you now, so you should have no trouble finding the right words for any occasion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Things may feel a bit uneasy at home, but this situation improves shortly. In fact, this is the start of a really exciting cycle. If you suddenly find yourself feeling joyful for no apparent reason, don't question it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Uranus, your ruling planet, is stirring those fidgety feelings. Avoid doing anything too fast, especially driving. Instead, channel that energy into making preparations for all the good you plan to do in the world.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Any sluggishness you've been feeling for the past five months is about to end. Gather all your best ideas, and practice your sales pitch. You'll soon get an energy injection that will help you put all your big dreams into practice.

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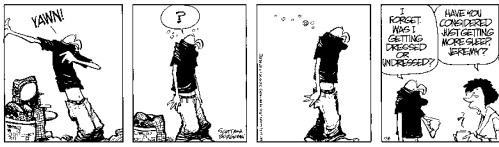
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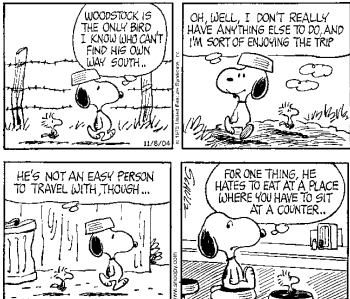
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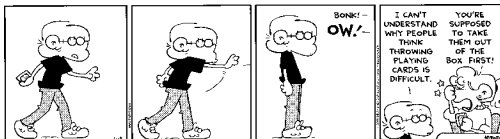
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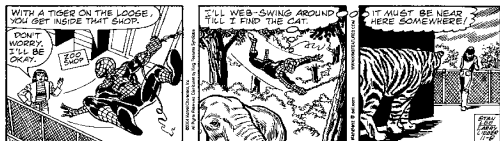
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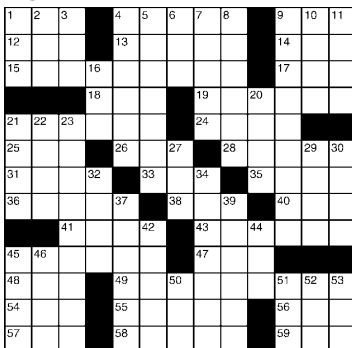
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 4 Fluster
- 9 Buchdicht set
- 12 Hibernation location
- 13 Big dipper
- 14 Dos Passos trilogy
- 15 Dry red California wine
- 17 Upper limit
- 18 Remnant
- 19 Heavier Frisbee together
- 21 Infamous Ms. Borden
- 24 Former frosh
- 25 Rhyming tribute
- 26 Caught sight of
- 28 Burpee merchandise
- 31 Slender
- 33 Eg. and Syr., once

Down

- 1 Wood-shaping tool
- 2 Mainlander's memento
- 3 Massachusetts cape
- 4 Singer Morissette
- 5 Hair ribbon of a sort
- 6 Put 2 and 2 together
- 7 Coasters
- 8 Greek sun god
- 9 Catholic skullcap
- 10 Jacob's brother
- 11 Sistas
- 16 Shiner's chapeau
- 20 Graf —
- 21 Privation
- 22 Between jobs
- 23 Cultural climate
- 27 "— the Dog"
- 29 Slay
- 30 Unseen problem
- 32 Oliver Twist's request
- 34 Put back to normal
- 37 Hose attachment
- 39 Soggy ground
- 42 Shape of the Earth
- 44 Fleur-de—
- 45 "Kapow!"
- 46 Sharpen
- 50 Erstwhile garment
- 51 Pair
- 52 Show you're human
- 53 Reuben holder

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PLUMBER DECIDES TO GO FOR SOMETHING RISKY, COULD YOU SAY HE TAKES THE PLUNGER?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals L

Suspicious of dad-in-law's plans

Dear Abby: I was married nine months ago to a man I love dearly. It has been an adjustment for all of us, and at times it has been stressful. We have been working on some issues, but for the most part we're doing well. I have a 12-year-old daughter I'll call "Ginger."

The problem is the new father-in-law, "Grant." He lives alone a few states away from us. We see him only a few times a year. I barely know him. Grant has been asking to take Ginger alone for a week-end at his secluded home. I have a real problem with that. Grant also asked to take Ginger to visit his mother—an even farther distance. He planned to have my daughter alone with him in a hotel for a week. I said no.

Grant plans these outings in his head and then gets upset when I say no. I'm not comfortable allowing my innocent child to spend time alone with a man in his 60s who I don't know very well.

I have invited Grant to our

home so he can get to know us both, and he always has an excuse not to come. I don't want to place Ginger in a situation that I am not comfortable with. What should I do?

— **Worried Mother in Massachusetts**

Dear Worried Mother:

Stick to your guns and insist that your father-in-law "get to know" your daughter only in situations that you can supervise. There is a reason why your alarm bells are ringing, and frankly, after reading your letter, they went off in my head, too. Listen to your motherly instinct.

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: I have a

warning for your readers. It is always touching to hear stories of long-lost loves being reunited to then live happily ever after. I had a love like that in high school. He was in the Army in California. We met again after 41 years, fell in love, and began what seemed like a dream come true. I

gave up a great job and proximity to family and friends to relocate to Washington. My dream turned into a financially and emotionally draining nightmare. After a year and a half of marriage that volleyed between cruelty and reassurances of his love, I confirmed my intuition that he had been lying and cheating the whole time.

I am writing to urge others to be cautious. Do not misplace your trust as I did.

— **Betrayed After All These Years**

Dear Betrayed: While it's true that many childhood sweethearts successfully rekindle that old flame in later life, it's also true that as people grow older they sometimes change—and not always for the better. That's why it's important to look carefully before you leap into anything and take nothing for granted.

Be glad you know the truth and are again in control of your future because it's not over until you take your last breath.

Letters for this column—with your name and phone number—should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 6940, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the internet at: <http://www.ueppress.com/dearabby>

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argrinon



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Time for daughter to act like adult

Dear Annie: We

recently found out that our 25-year-old daughter, "Katie," has once again dropped out of college. Although she works full time and is paying her own living expenses, her father and I had been paying for her car, tuition and books, so she could attend school part time. I discovered that she has not attended classes for the last year, but she kept the tuition and book money we sent.

I told Katie how disappointed we are and asked why she lied, but she became defensive and hung up the phone. I love my daughter, but I am so mad and hurt that I don't know what to do. Any suggestions?

— **Taken for a Ride**

Dear Taken: You know why Katie lied — because you would cut off the gravy train if you knew the truth. We don't blame

Annie's Mailbox



you for being angry.

Tell Katie you are going to consider that money a loan (knowing, of course, that she is not likely to repay it). Then, treat her as the adult she is. Let her know you love her and you trust she will make the right decisions for her future, even if you don't agree. If she wants to go back to college, she will be responsible for her own tuition and books. (If you are feeling particularly generous, you can offer to pick up the tab after the first year — paid directly to the school, of course.)

Dear Annie: I read a letter in your column from "Teacher," who also is the parent of an ADHD child. I wish I had read her letter years earlier, because I could have saved my ADHD son a lot of problems.

I was one of those parents who didn't want my child dragged

because he had a great personality and I thought the drugs would make him a zombie. Well, as he got older, his personality changed. He became angry, moody and rebellious. His grades were terrible, and he was on the verge of failing. I finally had to admit I wasn't doing him any favors by not putting him on the proper medication.

Annie, I now have my old son back. He is happy, sociable and charming, excited about school and nothing like the zombie I feared. I only wish I had put him on this medication earlier.

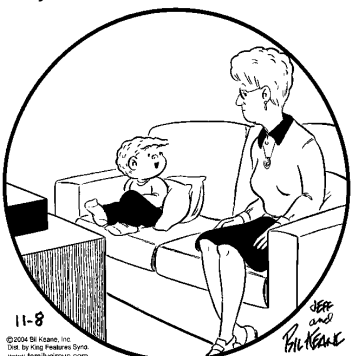
— **Made the Right Choice**

Dear Right Choice: Thank you for letting our readers know that the right medication can make a world of difference.

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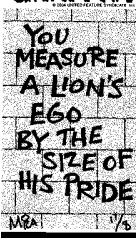
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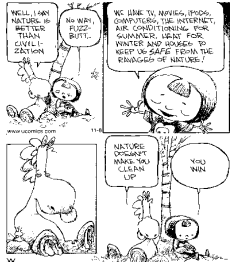
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Wiesbaden players and fans celebrate their 37-7 victory over Heidelberg in the Division I championship game in Baumholder, Germany, on Saturday. Wiesbaden lost to Heidelberg 32-19 during the regular season.

Wiesbaden grinds out win over Heidelberg in Div. I

Line play, power running lift Warriors to title

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Wiesbaden set the tone early in the Division I football championship Saturday night, as the Warriors mounted a 17-play, 76-yard drive that consumed more than eight minutes.

Paul Fry capped the opening march by powering over from the 4-yard line, and the Warriors were on their way to a 37-7 romp over previously unbeaten Heidelberg. It was the first of Fry's four scores on the rainy Saturday night.

Fry, following the crushing lead blocks of 245-pound senior fullback Dan Villareal, carried the ball on seven of the 17 plays in the drive. For the game, he gashed the Lions for 133 yards on 21 carries.

Wiesbaden coach Steve Jewell said that was the plan all along. "We felt like we could capitalize on the strength of our offensive line," he said. "We challenged them all week by telling them that if they could compete with Heidelberg's line offensively and defensively, we would win."

The message got through, according to senior tackle Derek Almen.

"We had confidence in practice," he said. "We knew we would get our blocks."

The Warriors (7-1) also installed a no-huddle offense that helped them average a 32-19 regular-season home loss to the Lions (7-1) on Oct. 2.

"I was excited when I saw the plan," Fry said. "With the hurry-up offense, I knew I would get a lot of carries."

Fry also took a shine to the T-formation that the Wiesbaden staff revived as a way to use the talents of its power runners. "I like it a lot," Fry said of the Warriors' blast from the past. "The defense doesn't know whom to key on."

The change in strategy and the offensive line produced 266 rushing yards. Fry scored on runs of 4, 11, 5 and 3 yards. Villareal had nine carries for 73 yards.

"Big Dan was a monster out there," Jewell said. "On defense, he was everywhere."

As were most of the Warriors. Wiesbaden's defenders, who played an epic game in last year's 7-6 title game loss to Ramstein, held Heidelberg to 132 yards rushing, allowed just 13 net passing yards and recovered four of seven Lions fumbles.

Wiesbaden also added a weapon it didn't have in 2003 — kicker Lones Seiber.

In addition to nailing field goals of 23, 25 and 38 yards and all four PATs, Seiber's deep kickoffs

(three of five for touchbacks) pinned back Heidelberg all night.

Heidelberg's only score was a product of its only decent starting position of the night.

The Lions took over on the Wiesbaden 44 when Seiber slipped attempting to punt in the third quarter. Jordan Yakana, who earlier had kept the drive going by running 15 yards on fourth down, bolted into the end zone from nine yards out on fourth-and-3.

The rest of the time, it was Wiesbaden.

"They just outplayed us," Heidelberg coach Brad Shahan said.

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First quarter
Wies - Paul Fry 4 run (Lones Seiber kick), 4:28

Wies - Fry 14 run (Seiber kick), 2:14
Wies - Seiber 23 field goal, 2:24

Second quarter
Wies - Fry 5 run (Seiber kick), 2:25
Heid - Jordan Yakana 9 run (Joseph Conway kick), 3:23

Fourth quarter
Wies - Seiber 28 field goal, 5:20
Wies - Seiber 35 field goal, 4:26

	Wies	Heid
First downs	15	6
Yards	51-266	33-112
Passing net yards	5	13
Comp-attempt	4-7	2-13
Fumbles-lost	2-1	7-4
Punts-avg	1-40	3-36.3
Penalties-yards	6-40	3-20

Woods' caressing lousy season with flourish

Former No. 1 tied for lead in Tour Championship

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — What used to be routine felt like a novelty to Tiger Woods.

After four straight birdies on his way to a 5-under 65 at East Lake, the former No. 1 player in the world was introduced Saturday as one of the 54-hole leaders in the Tour Championship.

Woods raised his cap in mock celebration, and for good reason. It's been more than a year since he has been in this position.

"I think I've made steady progress," said Woods, who has only one victory this year and lost his No. 1 ranking two months ago to Vijay Singh. "This is just merely a continuation of it."

The final round shapes up as a battle of the ages.

Woods was tied with 50-year-old Jay Haas, who recovered from two early bogles on a 68. They were at 9-under 201 and will be paired together Sunday, two close friends born 22 years apart who haven't met since 1981.

Of course, that should be kept in perspective.

Woods has gone 19 stroke-play tournaments without winning — his longest drought since turning pro in 1996. Haas has gone 11 years and 276 tournaments since

Golf roundup

his last victory, the 1993 Texas Open.

"I definitely won't be the favorite tomorrow," Haas said. "But what he does shouldn't affect what I do."

Woods lost 36-hole leads in back-to-back weeks in May, the first sign that he no longer was the dominant force he was. That's what makes Sunday such an interesting task.

Woods is ruthless with at least a share of the 54-hole lead, winning 30 of 32 times in that position. Putting together his best back-to-back rounds in four years only made him feel that much more confident.

"I'm going to give it my best," Woods said.

U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, playing with Woods, also made four straight birdies and had the outright lead until he failed to save par from two bunkers on the back nine. He shot 69 and was four shots behind, along with Mike Weir (67) and Stephen Ames (70).

Singh is tied to finish the year with 10 victories — the most since

Sam Snead won 11 times in 1950 — crashed with an indifferent round of 70 that left him 11 shots out of the lead.

"You've got to be in contention to be 100 percent into it," Singh said. "I'm just not into it."

Woods got himself into the mix with his two lowest consecutive rounds (64-65) since he won the Canadian Open four years ago by closing with 64-65-64. Of course, that was when Woods was at the height of his game.

He has gone through swing changes this year that have resulted in his worst year as a pro — only one victory, at the Match Play Championship in late February when he could get away with some bad shots and ugly rounds.

Sorenstam dominates in Mizuno Classic victory

OTSU, Japan — Annika Sorenstam matched Laura Davies' LPGA Tour record for consecutive victories in a tournament Sunday, closing with a 7-under 65 for her fourth straight Mizuno Classic.

Sorenstam won her seventh LPGA Tour title of the year and 55th overall, finishing at 22-under 194 for a nine-stroke victory over three players. She tied the record for consecutive victories in an



Tiger Woods hits out of the gallery to the second green during the third round of the Tour Championship on Saturday in Atlanta. Woods entered Sunday's final round tied for the lead with PGA veteran Jay Haas.

event set by Davies in the 1994-97 Standard Register Ping.

After opening with a 63 and shooting a 66 Saturday to take a four-stroke lead into the final round, Sorenstam opened an eight-shot advantage with an eagle and three birdies in a four-hole stretch on the front nine.

Japan's Ai Miyazato and Michelle Ohba shot 63s to tie for second with South Korea's Grace Park (67) at 13 under.

Pavin tied in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Former U.S. Open champion Corey Pavin finished third Sunday in the inaugural Vietnam Masters, which was won by Anglo-Pak of the Philippines.

Que shot a 2-under-par 70 for a two-stroke victory.

Pavin, who closed with a 70, birdied the hole, fifth and seventh holes but was slowed by a bogey on the 13th.

Radcliffe wins closest-ever NYC Marathon

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maybe this may make up for her Olympic heartbreak.

Britain's Paula Radcliffe surged ahead in the final feet Sunday to win the tightest New York City Marathon in history in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 10 seconds — less than three months after pulling out of the Athens Games just a few miles from the finish in a fit of tears.

Radcliffe edged Kenya's Susan Chepkemei by 4 seconds to become the race's first non-Kenyan women's champion since 2000. She raised her arms in triumph after crossing the line and wrapped herself in the United Jack flag.

No crying this time around.

The previous record for closest women's finish in New York was 5 seconds, Wanda Panfil's margin over Kim Jones in 1990.

"I was reasonably confident I could overtake her," Radcliffe said.

The men's race wasn't nearly as thrilling, with Hendrik Ramaala of South Africa winning in 2:09:28 for his first marathon victory.

Olympic silver medalist Meb Keflezighi of the United States was next across, 25 seconds behind.

Major leaguers go deep in win over Japan

TOKYO — The Japanese won the pregame home derby. Then the game started, and the major league All-Stars put their bats to work.

Back-to-back home runs by Moises Alou and Vernon Wells in the fourth inning and by Johnny Estrada and Brad Wilkerson in the ninth powered the major leaguers past the Japanese 7-3 Sunday for a 3-0 lead in the eight-game series.

They went 3-4 and had a two-run double to put his team up 5-3 in the eighth. The Toronto Blue Jays outfielder was the MVP of Game 3.

The game marked the return to Japan of Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Kazuhisa Ishii, who last pitched in the country in the 2001 Japan Series for the Yakult Swallows. Ishii started and went five innings, allowing five hits and one earned run, striking out two.

"I felt strange pitching against [Atsuya] Furuta," said Ishii, referring to his former batterymate with the Swallows. "I couldn't even look him straight in the face."

St. Louis Cardinals reliever Ray King worked two-thirds of an inning for the win.

United win shootout, reach MLS Cup

WASHINGTON — Nick Rimando stopped Clint Dempsey's shootout kick, and D.C. United rode Brian Carroll's successful bot moments earlier to a 4-3 victory Saturday over the New England Revolution and advanced to the MLS Cup.

It was the first Major League Soccer game ever decided by penalty kicks.

Eastern Conference champion United will play Western Conference winner Kansas City for the title on Nov. 14 in Carson, Calif.

The teams were tied at 3 after 90 minutes of regulation and two 15-minute sudden-death overtimes, forcing the game to alternating penalty kicks.

The teams were tied at three kicks apiece after five shooters.

D.C.'s sixth shooter, Carroll drove a shot high and to the left, out of the reach of Revolution goalkeeper Matt Reis.

Rimando then saved Dempsey's try to preserve the win and give United the conference championship. That sent an RFK Stadium crowd of 21,101 into a frenzy.

Safin captures third Paris Masters crown

PARIS — Marat Safin overpowered Radek Sepkewicz 7-6 (5), 6-3 with the help of 16 aces Sunday to win his record-tying third Paris Masters title.

Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion,

claimed his 14th career championship. Stanek was appearing in his first ATP Tour final.

Safin also won the Paris Masters in 2000 and 2002, and lost to Andre Agassi in the 1999 final.

Tsuyu KOs Mitchell to retain IBF title

GLENDAL, Ariz. — IBF junior welterweight champion Kostya Tsuyu retained his title Saturday night, demolishing Sharmba Mitchell in less than three rounds of the long-awaited rematch between the former titleholders.

Tsuyu (31-1) knocked Mitchell down four times — three in the third round.

The last time, the relentless native of a Russian steel-mill city dropped Mitchell to his knees with two combinations, then hit him with two right hands, two lefts and a right before referee Raul Caiz stepped in at the 2:48 mark.

Tsuyu was credited with a seven-round technical knockout of Mitchell (55-4) when they fought on Feb. 3, 2001. But that was because Mitchell had to retire after rejoining his left knee.

This time, Tsuyu, a former champion of all three major divisions, left no question about his supremacy at 140 pounds, getting his 25th knockout and improving to 15-1 in world championship bouts.

U.S. women's unbeaten run over

PHILADELPHIA — Denmark snuffed the U.S. women's soccer team's 21-game unbeaten streak Saturday, beating the Americans 3-1 in an exhibition match.

"They're a very good team," U.S. captain Julie Foudy said. "It reminds us that the world is getting better and it makes our accomplishments more sweet."

Marete Pedersen scored two goals for Denmark.

The U.S. team had not lost since a 3-1 setback to Sweden on March 18.

McMurray edges out Kyle Busch

The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jamie McMurray beat a bitterly disappointed Kyle Busch on Saturday, winning the NASCAR Busch Series race at Phoenix International Raceway.

They swapped the lead twice in the final 27 laps. Busch, who had led from the start, took a surprise overtake on a restart 10 laps from the scheduled finish to grab the lead from Busch for the final time in the Bashas' Supermarket 200.

Busch, who dominated the race, leading 151 of the first 190 laps, got a last chance to get back past McMurray's Dodge after Shane Hmiel and Kevin Harvick collided, igniting a multicausal crash with four laps to go in regulation.

Without time to restart the race before lap 200, NASCAR finished with a green-white-checker, two-lap overtime that began on lap 204.

But McMurray, who led four times for 47 of the 205 laps on the one-mile oval, easily held off the rookie this time as Busch found himself having to fend off series leader Martin Truex Jr. to hold on to second place.

"That was a great win for us," said McMurray, a Nextel Cup regular who got his sixth Busch win and second of the season.

Expansion prospects claim first pick

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace slid face-first off the court after a hard foul, popped back up and looked at the scoreboard. He wasn't seeing the third pick, Charlotte Bobcats really were on their way to the first win in franchise history.

The expansion Bobcats wrestled for rebounds, scrambled over loose balls and outstuffed the Orlando Magic en route to a 111-100 victory on Saturday night.

Primoz Brezec, quickly emerging as Charlotte's star player, had 20 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Bobcats. Wallace added 18 points and 10 rebounds. Steve Smith had 14 points, and Jason Hart had 14 points and 11 assists.

Cuttino Mobley led the Magic with 23 points. Grant Hill, playing in his first back-to-back games since Dec. 15-16, 2002, scored 16 for the Magic. He took 73 shots and also had 16.

Celtics 107, Knicks 73: Paul Pierce scored 28 points, Ricky Davis added 20, and Boston shot 56 percent to win for the first time this season after opening with two losses at home.

The Celtics began pulling away late in the first quarter, then closed the first half with a 13-0 run. Boston went ahead by as many as 33 before the third quarter ended, and the only suspense in the fourth quarter revolved around how much of the boiling hot crowd fans would stand until the end.

Heat 118, Wizards 106: Dwyane Wade had career highs with 37 points and 12 assists to again overshadow Shaquille O'Neal, and visiting Miami improved to 3-0 for the second time in franchise history.

Wade made 11 of 16 field goals, 14 of 16 free throws and outshone the Wizards' trio of Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Larry Hughes, who combined for 77 points and rallied the Wizards from a 10-point third-quarter deficit to tie the game late.

Pistons 99, 76ers 91: Chauncey Billups had 20 points and 10 assists, and Richard Hamilton added 17 points, leading Detroit over visiting Philadelphia.

Rashed Wallace scored 16 points, and Ben Wallace added 16 and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who were without coach Larry Brown for a second straight game. Brown is hospitalized after having hip surgery on Wednesday.

Timberwolves 99, Hornets 92: Latrell Sprewell ended a quiet night with a flurry, scoring 24 points and 10 rebounds to span down the stretch to spark Minnesota at home.

Sprewell, whose contract complaints have been the main focus of the first week of the season, finished with 26 points and five rebounds.

Kevin Garnett had eight of his 20 points in a 70-second span with less than two minutes remaining. He also grabbed 15 rebounds.

Roundup

Pacers 100, Bulls 90: With five players sitting out and both All-Stars on the bench with foul trouble, a group of role players helped Indiana pull away for a victory over visiting Chicago.

Fred Jones hit three three-pointers during the 19-6 spurt in the third quarter, and Stephen Jackson led the way with 21 points and four steals to help the banged-up Pacers improve to 3-0.

Indiana was up 62-37 with just over six minutes to play when Ron Artest and Jermaine O'Neal picked up their fourth fouls. That's when a group including Jackson, Jones, Jamaal Tinsley, Austin Croshere and David Harrison extended Indiana's lead.

Suns 112, Nets 80: Steve Nash had 17 points and eight assists, and visiting Phoenix rode 57.4-percent shooting to its third straight victory.

Amare Stoudemire added 22 points, Joe Johnson had 18 and Shawn Marion 13 for Phoenix, which came into the game averaging an NBA-best 110 points per game.

Bucks 102, Cavaliers 88: Michael Redd scored 28 points and Keith Van Horn had 22 points and 14 rebounds for the Bucks, who improved to 3-0.

LeBron James scored 31 points for Cleveland, winless in three games this season. Jeff McInnis scored 17 points and Drew Gooden had 12 for the Cavs.

Mavericks 112, Grizzlies 88: Dirk Nowitzki hit a nifty basket that turned into a three-point play in Dallas' game-turning surge and finished with 30 points.

There might be a lot of new pieces, but Nowitzki and Michael Finley remain the centerpiece for the Mavericks, who improved to 3-0 after overcoming an early 12-point deficit at home. Finley added 23 points, and Nowitzki also had 13 rebounds.

Jazz 106, Nuggets 82: Carlos Boozer had 30 points and 17 rebounds, and Andrei Kirilenko added 16 points to help visiting Utah stay unbeaten.

After opening the season with easy wins over the Los Angeles Lakers and Golden State, Utah put the Nuggets away early with good shooting and even better defense to open with a 21-0 straight run for the first time since going 5-0 in 2000-01.

Rockets 104, Kings 101 (OT): Charlie Ward made two three-pointers in overtime, and Yao Ming scored 33 points for the Rockets, who rallied late in their home opener.

Tracy McGrady added 23 points in his Houston debut.

Clippers 94, Warriors 86: Corey Maggette had 26 points and six assists, and Bobby Smith added 22 points to lead Los Angeles over Golden State in the 11th victory in 14 meetings between the teams in Oakland.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Toronto	2	1	.667
Boston	2	1	.667
New Jersey	1	2	.333
Philadelphia	1	2	.333
New York	0	3	.000

Southeast Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Miami	2	0	1.000
Washington	2	1	.667
Orlando	1	2	.333
Atlanta	0	3	.000

Central Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Detroit	2	1	.667
Minneapolis	2	1	.667
Chicago	0	2	.000
St. Louis	0	2	.000

Western Conference			
Southwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Dallas	2	0	1.000
San Antonio	2	0	1.000
Memphis	0	2	.000
New Orleans	0	2	.000

Northwest Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Utah	2	0	1.000
Portland	2	0	1.000
Seattle	1	1	.500
Phoenix	1	1	.500

Pacific Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Golden State	2	0	1.000
LA Clippers	2	0	1.000
LA Lakers	1	1	.500
Sacramento	1	1	.500

Saturday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Miami 118, Washington 106	3	0	1.000
Boston 107, Orlando 80	3	0	1.000
Boston 107, New York 73	3	0	1.000
Phoenix 112, Nets 80	3	0	1.000
Indiana 100, Chicago 90	3	0	1.000
San Antonio 94, Dallas 86	3	0	1.000
Memphis 94, New Orleans 82	3	0	1.000
Utah 104, Denver 82	3	0	1.000
LA Clippers 94, Golden State 86	3	0	1.000

Sunday's games			
Team	W	L	Pct
Portland at Toronto	0	1	.000
LA Lakers at Seattle	0	1	.000
Atlanta at LA Lakers	0	1	.000
Golden State at Dallas	0	1	.000
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Steelers drop hammer on Eagles

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Two unbeaten teams faced in two weeks, two unbeaten teams defeated. The Pittsburgh Steelers are accomplishing feats never before seen in the NFL, largely because of rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers combined their new quarterback with a touch of the old — a Jerome Bettis of yesteryear and a defense that's seen Steel Curtain-tough — to dominate the Philadelphia Eagles 27-3 Sunday and leave the NFL without an undefeated team.

The Steelers (7-1) partly are the reason for that, halting the best start in Eagles' history a week after ending New England's record 21-game winning streak with an equally impressive 34-20 victory. Pittsburgh is the only team in NFL history to beat unbeaten teams in consecutive weeks after each had won at least six games.

How fitting is that, considering Roethlisberger is 6-0 as a starter — the first rookie since the 1970 merger to do that since Pittsburgh's Mike Kruczek in 1976. But Kruczek didn't throw a TD pass all season on a team that won behind the Steel Curtain. Roethlisberger has thrown 10 touchdowns while playing with the growing confidence and polish of a much more experienced player.



Roethlisberger again outplayed a more accomplished quarterback, just as he did the Patriots' Tom Brady, by driving the Steelers to scores on their first three possessions with the help of Bettis' 55th career 100-yard game. The 1978 Steelers were the only other team in franchise history to start 7-1, en route to a 14-2 record and a Super Bowl title.

Hines Ward scored on each of the first two drives, a 16-yard reverse and a 20-yard reception, then playfully mocked the Eagles (7-1) by flapping his arms in the end zone each time.

No wonder Eagles star receiver Terrell Owens was screaming in disgust of strutting a week after celebrating a touchdown by imitating Ravens star Ray Lewis' pregame dance. Owens, coming off five consecutive 100-yard games, didn't catch his first pass until Pittsburgh led 21-0 and could be seen yelling at quarterback Donovan McNabb on the sidelines. Owens ended with seven catches for 53 yards.

The Steelers didn't miss injured running back Duane Staley (hamstring), the former

1,000-yard Eagles rusher, as a re-emerged Bettis ran for 149 yards.

Bengals 26, Cowboys 3: Tight end Matt Schobel caught a down-the-middle pass from Carson Palmer and ran 76 yards for a touchdown, leading Cincinnati over visiting Dallas.

Schobel, who had only 11 catches in the first seven games, broke open a game of conservative play calling. The Bengals (3-5) turned four field goals by Shayne Graham and the one big play by Schobel into a soothing win.

It was another interesting setback for the Cowboys (3-5), who have lost four of their last five and fumbled away more of their hopes of a second straight playoff appearance.

Vinny Testaverde, who turns 41 next Saturday, had his worst game with the Cowboys. Throwing to an injury-depleted receiving corps, Testaverde was 18-for-30 for 207 yards with three interceptions and a fumble.

Palmer spent the afternoon throwing short passes to tight ends and running backs, finishing 21-for-32 for 212 yards along with a 2-yard touchdown bootleg in the closing minutes. Rudi Johnson carried a season-high 26 times for 95 yards.

Raiders 27, Panthers 24: Tyronne Wheatley and Amos Zereoue

combined to run for three touchdowns, and Sebastian Janikowski kicked a 19-yard field goal with 6 seconds to play as Oakland (3-6) handed the Panthers (1-7) their sixth consecutive loss.

Kerry Collins, Carolina's first-ever draft pick, passed for 231 yards for the Raiders and threw his 12th interception of the season.

But after Carolina tied the game at 24 with 2:25 to play, Collins threw completions of 19 and 12 yards to move the Raiders into Panthers' territory to set up the winning field goal.

His next pass was incomplete to Doug Gabriel near the end zone, but Dante Wesley was flagged for pass interference. The 38-yard penalty gave Oakland the ball at the 4, and Janikowski kicked the game-winning three-point play.

The Panthers were done in by their own mistakes most of the day.

Todd Sauerbrun's blocked punt set up the first of Wheatley's two 1-yard TD plunges and a myriad of other errors cost Carolina.

Colin Branch's interception of Collins was negated when Julius Peppers was called for offside. Collins then threw a 20-yard completion to Ronald Curry on the very next play. It set up Zereoue's 7-yard TD run that gave the Raiders a 24-14 lead with 9:14 to play.

Fifth-ranked Wisconsin remains perfect

By ARNIE STAPLETON

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The fifth-ranked Wisconsin Badgers didn't have to rely on their stingy defense for a change.

Anthony Davis ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns, and quarterback John Stocco threw for a career-high 297 yards and a touchdown, in the unbeaten Badgers' 38-14 rout of archival Minnesota on Saturday.

Stocco also ran for two touchdowns as the Badgers, 9-0 for the third time in school history, moved into a first-place tie with idle Michigan atop the Big Ten at 6-0.

They celebrated by rushing to the Golden Gophers' sideline to retrieve Paul Bunyan's Axe, the trophy that goes to the winner in Division I's most-played rivalry.

Wisconsin, which was averaging 21 points a game, had that by the end of the first quarter

and scored on its first five possessions to take a 31-0 lead.

Davis scored on two 1-yard runs and set up Stocco's 1-yard keeper with a 21-yard scamper before he was shoved out of bounds just shy of the pylon by safety John Pawelski. Stocco also threw a 17-yard scoring strike to Jonathan Orr, and Mike Allen kicked a 41-yard field goal.

The Gophers (6-4, 3-4), who lost for the fourth time in five games, got going when Bryan Cupito led an 80-yard drive that he capped with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Ernie Wheelwright that made it 31-7.

By halftime, Stocco, a sophomore and first-year starter, had completed 14 of 18 passes for 241 yards, 30 more than his career high of 211 at Purdue last month. He finished 19-for-26.

"I've never seen him play like that before,"

Davis said. "That was amazing. That just shows you what he's capable of doing."

Wisconsin's outgained Minnesota 208 yards to 31 in the first quarter, never giving the Gophers the chance to spring their 1-2 running punch of Marion Barber III and Laurence Maroney. Maroney finished with 57 yards on eight carries and Barber had 34 yards on seven runs.

The Gophers entered the game as the Big Ten's top-scoring offense (33.3) and owner of the league's best rushing offense, averaging 266 yards.

The Badgers countered with the nation's toughest scoring defense (8.5) and the second-best total defense nationally, yielding fewer than 240 yards a game.

Defensive end Erasmus James returned from a high ankle sprain and played on passing downs only. His presence was felt immediately when he deflected Cupito's pass on his first snap and forced a hurry on his third.

No. 4 Cal saved when Oregon's Allen drops pass

By GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — California's fate was in Keith Allen's hands as the Oregon receiver dropped the ball.

Geoff McArthur caught eight passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns, and fourth-ranked Oregon's defense held off the Oregon team midfield with 1:39 left when Allen couldn't hold the final pass in the Golden Bears' 28-27 victory Saturday that solidified their bowl appearances and sent them to the postseason.

Aaron Rodgers passed for 275 yards and three TDs, and J.J. Arrington ran for 188 yards and a

score for the Bears (7-1, 5-1 Pac-10), who barely kept alive their big postseason dreams with a strong second half after falling behind 27-14.

Kellen Clemens threw his first half for two touchdowns passes in the third half for the Ducks (5-4, 4-2), who seemed headed for an upset.

But two key mistakes made the difference: Jared Siegel missed an extra point in the first quarter, and Oregon's final drive ended when Allen dropped an easy fourth-down pass that would have put the Ducks well within field goal range.

Cal snapped a seven-game losing

streak against Oregon with Craig Leckie's first victory over the school where he served as Mike Bellotti's offensive coordinator for four years.

The Bears faced adversity for the final time in a month, and it brought out a gritty second-half performance. Facing a 27-21 halftime deficit, Cal made four sustained drives, but thanks to Tom Schneider's two missed field goals and a fumble by freshman Robert Jordan, the Bears got just seven points.

"That's the close games is everything," said McArthur, who became Cal's career leader in receptions. "That one could have gone

either way, depending on the fourth quarter. We got a good break at the end, but if he'd caught that ball, who knows?"

Cal went ahead on McArthur's 19-yard TD catch with 13:25 to play. After Schneider missed a 40-yard field goal with 4:20 left, Clemens drove Oregon 36 yards to the 41 — but he threw two straight incompletions, with the final pass bouncing off Allen's hands and helmet near the 20.

Allen stayed flat on his face for several moments while the Bears celebrated.

Time ended Tim Day caught one of Clemens' four TD passes, and Terrence Whitman ran for 91 yards.

Oklahoma emerges with win over A&M

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — This one was much tougher, but far sweeter, for Oklahoma.

Jason White threw five touchdown passes, including the decisive one with 6:43 left, and the second-ranked Sooners overcame Texas A&M's explosive offense and special teams trickery for a 42-35 victory Saturday.

Oklahoma handed Texas A&M a shot for the ages last week on 77-0, the worst in the 108-year history of Aggies football. But the rematch was a battle from start to finish for the Sooners (9-0, 6-0 Big 12).

White, the reigning Heisman Trophy winner, was 19-for-35 for 292 yards, taking control of the offense as the 22nd-ranked Aggies swarmed to star freshman running back Adrian Peterson.

Peterson still managed to run for 101 yards and a touchdown on a tough 29 carries, his ninth straight 100-yard game. He went back to work after Oklahoma's go-ahead drive with an apparent arm injury, but returned to help the Sooners run the clock down on their last possession.

"To overcome all that we did today I think is a positive thing."

People can criticize, which will happen, we're one of those teams that gets it when we win," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "All the criticism that we've done in this atmosphere and still came away with the victory, makes me proud of our players and our coaches who have been in there and made the plays in the end that won the football game."

The Aggies (6-3, 4-2) finished the game without their best offensive weapon. Reggie McNeal left with an apparent injury in the third quarter after throwing for 213 yards and two touchdowns and running for a score.

With the Aggies trailing 35-28, McNeal was relieved by Ty Branyan. The former walk-on Texas A&M on a long drive with five completions, but the march stalled at the Sooners' 6.

Already having used a faked punt to score a touchdown, Aggies coach Dennis Franchione pulled another fast one on the Sooners. A&M set up for a field goal, but holder Chad Schroeder took the snap, rolled left and flipped a TD pass to Joey Thomas to tie the game.

White, Peterson and the Sooners went right to work getting the lead back. Peterson converted a third quarter with two break-breaking yard runs and the Sooners were aided by pass interference call.

On third-and-10 at the Aggies 39, White stepped up and away from the line of scrimmage, broke down the middle to Mark Bradley, who slipped a tackle at the 15 and went in for a 42-35 lead.

Chang sets two passing records

BY JAYMES SONG

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Timmy Chang became the most prolific passer in college history Saturday night, throwing for 285 yards and four touchdowns in Hawaii's 34-23 victory over Louisiana Tech.

Chang needed just 14 yards to break Ty Detmer's NCAA career mark of 15,631 yards set from 1988-91, and overtook the Heisman Trophy winner from BYU with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jason Rivers on Hawaii's second series.

"It's very special, I'm not going to lie," Chang said. "Right now, I'm not really thinking about it, but I'm going to look back on it and be very pleased."

The crowd erupted and gave Chang a standing ovation as the referees handed him the game ball. Chang — who finished the game with 15,303 yards — ran across the field and gave the ball and a hug to his father, Levi, on the sideline.

"I just told him I loved him and I wanted to thank him," Chang said. "Your family is probably the most underrated people around you, and my family played a big role in my life."

Teammates poured onto the field as flashbulbs sparked in Aloha Stadium.

"He's a special guy," Bulldogs coach Jack Bicknell said. "I made the big plays and he's a great kid."

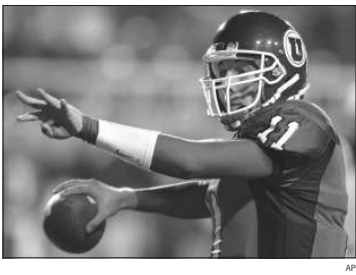
On the first play of the second quarter, the fifth-year senior from Honolulu also broke the NCAA career completions mark of 1,231 held by Texas Tech's Cliff Kingsbury.

Chang finished 26-for-42, and Rivers caught eight passes for 137 yards for Hawaii (4-4, 4-3 Western Athletic Conference).

Rivers said he was going to spike the ball because it was his first TD catch of the season, but he quickly realized he had a history ball in his hands.

"It was an exciting moment," said Rivers, who played at the same high school as Chang.

The Bulldogs also had a record-breaking performance from running back Ryan Moates, who finished the night with 228 yards on 38 carries. The junior broke Louisiana Tech's single-season rushing record of 1,351 set by Jason Davis in 1991.



Utah quarterback Alex Smith (11) prepares to pass to wide receiver Paris Warren for a touchdown against Colorado State.

Smith keeps Utah rolling toward BCS

BY DOUG ALDEN

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Seventh-ranked Utah has its first 90 start and has scored more points than any other team in school history.

And there's more to go. Alex Smith threw for 291 yards and four touchdowns to lead Utah past Colorado State 63-31 on Saturday night, continuing his Heisman Trophy campaign and his team's hopes for a Bowl Championship Series bid.

"I keep expecting to hit a road block sometime, but this team keeps proving me wrong," said Smith, who completed 21 of 26 passes. "Offensively, I don't know who can stop us."

So far, nobody has — and recently no one has even come close.

Morgan Scalley returned a fumble 88 yards for a score and Marty Johnson and Paris Warren both scored three touchdowns to help the Utes (9-0, 5-0 Mountain West) break the school record for points in a season with 412. That tops the 405 points scored in 1985 and Utah still has two regular-season games to go.

"We not only play for this team, but we play for teams in the past," Scalley said. Being "9-0 is great, but it doesn't mean a lot unless we keep rolling."

The Utes, who have had two other 8-0 starts, scored more than 50 points for the third straight

week and moved a step closer to a perfect season and a possible BCS bid — the first for a school outside the big BCS conferences.

An Orange Bowl representative attended the game, and the Utes once again put on a scoring display, although hoping for a spot in the national title game might be aiming a little high. Utah was sixth in the BCS standings entering the weekend and had little trouble beating the Rams (3-6, 2-3) for the second straight season.

The Utes had four scoring drives of 80 yards or more and forced five turnovers.

"Utah is the best in the Mountain West. There's no question about that," said Rams coach Sonny Lubik, who had Meyer as an assistant at Colorado State in the early 90s. "Offensively, this team is consistent. They're explosive. They've got a great scheme."

Colorado State's Caleb Hanie was 11-for-25 for 190 yards and two touchdowns, but also threw three interceptions. Hanie also ran for a touchdown during Colorado State's 21-point fourth quarter against the Utah reserves.

The Utes scored three touchdowns in each of the first two quarters and rested Smith, who is hoping to be Utah's first Heisman Trophy finalist, for most of the second half. He came back in midway through the fourth quarter after Colorado State's three touchdowns, and threw his fourth TD pass of the game, but the outcome was never in question.

Cavs sit out Terps, stay tied at ACC

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Wall Lundy ran for two touchdowns, giving him 14 this season, and No. 12 Virginia remained in a first-place tie in the Atlantic Coast Conference with a 16-0 win over Maryland on Saturday.

In a game that has grown into a bitter rivalry, neither team looked especially sharp at the beginning. But the Cavaliers (7-1, 4-1 ACC) wore down the Terrapins (4-5, 2-4) on the ground, running for 295 yards. Alvin Pearson led the way with 170 yards on 31 carries, and Lundy added 107 yards on 24 attempts.

Virginia's defense also played a huge role, not allowing quarterback Josh Statham to follow up his 333-yard performance in a 20-17 victory against Florida State last week, or Josh Allen to come anywhere near the career-best 257 yards he ran for against Virginia last year.

Statham was 10-for-17 for just 115 yards before being replaced by Jordan Steffy in the fourth quarter. Allen ran for 39 yards.

No. 8 Georgia 62, Kentucky 17: In Lexington, Ky., David Greene passed for 259 yards and an NCAA Division I-A record for victories by a quarterback with 40, breaking former Tennessee star Peyton Manning's mark.

Georgia (8-1, 6-1 SEC) preparked its first touchdown with a 27-yard burn by scoring on six consecutive possessions against the Wildcats (1-8, 0-6), who have lost seven straight.

Freshman tailback Thomas Brown ran for a career-high 130 yards and had three short TD runs in Georgia, which had a season-high 589 yards of total offense. The Bulldogs' point total was their highest since a 70-6 rout of Northeast Louisiana in 1994.

No. 13 Tennessee 17, No. 9 Tennessee 13: Tennessee (7-2) lost the other half of its heretofore freshman quarterback duo and visiting Notre Dame (6-3) capitalized with an interception return for a touchdown.

Erik Ainge separated his right shoulder on the final play of the first half when he recovered his own fumble and was sacked. He did not return. His injury came a week after Brent Schaeffer broke his collarbone.

Junior Rick Clausen, the younger brother of former Tennessee quarterback Casey Clausen, replaced Ainge in the second half and almost immediately made a big mistake. Clausen was being sacked by Derek Landri when he let the ball go. Notre Dame's Mike Godwin caught it and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown and a 14-10 lead.

No. 13 Florida St. 29, Duke 7: In Tallahassee, Fla., backup quarterback Wyatt Sexton led three long scoring drives in the second half, and Gary Ciesmista tied a school record with five field goals in his college debut.

Sexton completed 11 of 15 passes for 220 yards and a touchdown while taking the Seminoles (7-2, 5-2 ACC) on drives of 93, 80 and

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70 yards to break open a tight game with 20 straight points. Sexton replaced Chris Rix, who failed to get the Seminoles into the end zone in the first half.

No. 15 West Virginia 42, Temple 21: Kay-Jay Harris caught two scoring passes and ran for two other touchdowns to lead West Virginia at home.

West Virginia's Chris Henry, benched for the first half after being ejected last week against Rutgers, caught a 40-yard TD pass from Rasheed Marshall late in the third quarter.

No. 18 Virginia Tech 27, North Carolina 24: Mike Inoh ran for 236 yards and two touchdowns and the visiting Hokies survived a late North Carolina rally, held short when the Tar Heels missed a tying 54-yard field goal with about a minute left.

The Tar Heels, who upset Miami last week on a last-play field goal by freshman Timmy Barth, seemed poised for more late-game heroics. North Carolina drove to the Tech 26 in the closing minutes, but an 11-yard sack of Darian Durant on third down made Barth's job much tougher. His 54-yard attempt fell short.

No. 20 Iowa 23, Purdue 21: Drew Tate threw two touchdowns and ran for 101 yards. The Big Ten forced five turnovers and blocked two field goals to run its home winning streak to 17, the fourth-longest string in the nation.

Brandon Kirsch, starting in place of the injured Kyle Orton, threw three touchdowns passes for Purdue. But his miscues in the fourth quarter, one fumble and two interceptions, scuttled Purdue's attempt to rally from a 17-point deficit.

Cincinnati 52, No. 21 Southern Miss 10: Gino Guidigili threw three of his Cincinnati-record five touchdown passes to Hannibal Thomas.

Cincinnati was 19-0 in 308 yards for visiting Cincinnati (5-4, 4-2 Conference USA), which snapped the Golden Eagles' 13-game league winning streak and beat a ranked team for the first time in four years.

No. 23 Arizona St. 34, Stanford 31: Arizona Walter threw four yards to Matt Miller — his fourth touchdown pass of the season — with seconds to play to give host Arizona State (7-2, 4-2 Pac-10) a victory over Stanford (2-4, 4-5).

Cardinal backup quarterback T.C. Ostrander had given year a 31-26 lead late in a 67-yard touchdown pass to Alex Smith with 2:02 remaining.

But Walter, who is 28-for-43 for 415 yards, was 4-for-8 for 79 yards on a 13-play, 80-yard drive for the winning score.

No. 24 Boston College 21, Rutgers 10: Paul Peterson scored on a 1-yard run and threw for a touchdown to lead the host Eagles.

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Clemson tailback Reggie Merriweather (37) scores the winning touchdown in overtime Saturday night in Miami as he slides past Miami DB Anthony Reddick (26) and LB Leon Williams (44). Clemson won 24-17.

No. 11 Hurricanes' BCS chances take another hit in overtime loss

Clemson rallies, hands Miami second straight defeat

BY TIM REYNOLDS
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Reggie Merriweather and the Clemson Tigers probably aren't heading to a Bowl Championship Series game this season. They might have ensured Miami isn't headed to one, either.

Merriweather ran for a career-high 114 yards and three second-half touchdowns, including a 2-yard score in overtime Saturday night to cap Clemson's 24-17 comeback victory over No. 11 Miami. The Tigers trailed 17-3 at halftime, but dominated the second half and sent the reeling Hurricanes to a second straight loss.

"He was essential," quarterback Charlie Whitehurst said.

"When we needed a play, we went to him. He stepped up and met the challenge."

Whitehurst completed 21 of 37 passes for 258 yards for Clemson (5-4, 4-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which has won four straight for the first time in four seasons.

Frank Gore had 105 yards and two touchdowns for Miami, which also lost on the game's final play a week ago at North Carolina. The loss knocked the Hurricanes (6-2, 3-2) out of first place in the ACC, leaving them a game behind Virginia and Virginia Tech in the race for the league title and automatic BCS berth. Miami visits Virginia Tech next weekend and hosts Virginia Tech on Dec. 4 in the regular-season finale.

"This loss will really test us," Hurricanes coach Larry Coker said. "We haven't lost a lot, and now we've lost back-to-back games. It is extremely disappointing."

Clemson needed five plays to score in the extra session, with the Tigers benefiting from a pass-interference penalty against cornerback Kelly Jennings. That moved Clemson to the 10, and Merriweather scored three plays later to cap the Tigers' rally from a 17-3 halftime deficit.

On its overtime possession, Miami moved to the Clemson 5, but three straight interceptions by Brock Berlin sealed the Hurricanes' second straight loss. Berlin's final attempt was intended for Lance Leggett in the corner of the end zone, but Clemson's Tyre Hill had him well-covered and the ball bounced away.

Miami begged officials to call pass interference, no flag came.

"If it's not called, then it's not pass interference," Coker said.

Clemson outgained Miami 215-104 after halftime, sparking the comeback.

"In the second half you have to score points and make plays," said Miami quarterback Brock Berlin, who was 22-for-46 for 245 yards.

The victory marked the first for the Bowden clan against Coker; Clemson coach Tommy Bowden is the son of Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, who is 0-5 against Coker.

"We just didn't quit," Tommy

Bowden said. "We shut them down in the second half completely. ... It goes down to kids not quitting and playing hard."

Miami led 17-3 at halftime and appeared to be cruising. The Hurricanes allowed Clemson only six first downs and 156 yards in the first two quarters, but Clemson seized momentum quickly after Miami missed an opportunity to build a three-touchdown lead.

Devin Hester — who started at tailback and cornerback, plus took his usual roles as kickoff returner, punt returner and on the kick coverage team — dropped an interception at midfield. Had he caught what would have been his second pick of the game, he would likely have scored; no one stood between him and the end zone.

Clemson knew it caught a break, and quickly capitalized.

Whitehurst connected with Airese Currie for a 37-yard gain on the next play. And on the successive play, Merriweather burst past the Miami line, broke two tackles in the secondary and rumbled in for a 27-yard touchdown that cut Miami's lead to 17-10.

Following two more stalled Miami drives, Clemson used a little trickery to tie the game.

Facing a fourth-and-2 from the Miami 9, Bowden went for a fake field goal and elected to call upon kicker Jai Dean to run for a first down. Dean caught a flip from holder Cole Chason, got to the Miami 3, and Merriweather scored on the next play to tie the game.

Benson scores 5 TDs as No. 6 Texas rallies

BY JIM VERTUONO
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — It must have sounded like a bad joke.

Thoroughly dominated in the first half, Texas coach Mack Brown made a big promise to his team: They would win.

Only this was no joke and no false optimism a coach might use just to get his team back on the field in a blowout. It was real.

Cedric Benson scored five touchdowns Saturday night and No. 6 Texas rallied from a 35-7 first-half deficit to beat No. 19 Oklahoma State 56-35.

The Longhorns trailed 35-14 at halftime when Brown told the Longhorns they would score on their first drive of the third quarter and go on to win. He even predicted a final score of 42-35.

"Unbelievable," Brown said. "After the game I apologized for underestimating them."

Benson's fourth TD gave Texas its first lead at 42-35 early in the fourth quarter. His last, a 6-yard bulrush in which he pushed four defenders across the goal line, put the exclamation point on the incredible comeback that kept the Longhorns' BCS hopes alive.

"That shows the character of this team as far as how tough we are," said senior linebacker Derrick Johnson.

"We never gave up."

A little perspective on just how big of a rally it was: In 111 years of playing football, the biggest deficit the Longhorns (8-1, 5-1 Big

12) had ever overcome to win was 18 points three seasons ago in a Holiday Bowl victory over Washington.

For Oklahoma State (6-3, 3-3), it should go down as one of the most stunning losses in a long, long time, if not ever.

If the Cowboys had managed to shake off the hangover of their three-point loss to No. 10 Oklahoma a week earlier, coach Les Miles isn't likely to shake the hurt from this one anytime soon.

"I've never been through one like that," Miles said. "There will be some pain. There's no way to have a game like this where you don't ache."

Trailing by four touchdowns in the first half, the Longhorns scored TDs on five straight possessions to take the lead and control of the game.

Quarterback Vince Young had a career night with 278 yards on 18-for-21 passing. He started the rally by running the Longhorns' hurry-up offense to perfection late in the second quarter.

Young's 5-yard TD pass to Bo Scaife with 3 seconds left in the half trimmed the lead to 35-14 and made the rally possible.

Scaife stretched for the pylon to get the ball into the end zone. The touchdown sent the Longhorns into the locker room thinking anything was possible.

"There was a lot of energy in the locker room," Benson said. "Most teams would have laid down and given up. We fought back to see what the final score was."

Shroud: Beavers fade vs. Trojans in second half

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and all but took over in the second half to snap a three-game Oregon State winning streak.

Leinart completed 17 of 31 passes for 205 yards. He was intercepted once.

Derek Anderson was 22-for-51 for 330 yards and two touchdowns for the Beavers, who could never get a running game started and finished with only 34 yards rushing.

After wetted for Oregon State, Alexis Serna's first-quarter field goals from 25 and 33 yards were sure despite the obvious visual trouble caused by the fog — and the chilly 43-degree temperature at game time.

Joe Newton fumbled a long pass when he was forced down by Trojan safety Darnell Bing, but the ball was scooped up by Hass, who got it down to the Southern Cal 8.

Play later, Marcel Love caught Anderson's 8-yard scoring pass to make it 13-0 for Oregon State.

Leinart narrowed it to 13-7 before fumbling with a perfectly placed 18-yard scoring pass to Byrd, who was well-covered by cornerback Brandon Browner.

When Byrd ran a 25-yard scoring pass from Leinart into the end zone early in the third quarter, he

raised the ball to Southern Cal's fan section.

Bush, the sophomore sensation who came into game ranked sixth in the nation in all-purpose yards, was virtually untouched on his punt return that made it 21-13.

He finished with 11 carries for 88 yards and two catches for 6 yards.

"The kid is unbelievable," Anderson said. "I've never seen anything like it, in the NFL, or anywhere else."

After White's touchdown made it 28-13, Oregon State's Josh Hawkins caught a 36-yard scoring pass from Anderson for the third marginally.

The Trojans seem to be getting used to playing in un-Southern California weather. Last week they were pelted by hail before they beat Washington State 42-12 in Pullman, Wash.

This week it was fog so thick at times it was hard to see the ball on pass plays.

"It seems like Mother Nature is throwing everything at us," Leinart said.

The Trojans were the latest in a string of ranked teams that Oregon State has faced this season. The Beavers opened on the road against then-No. 3 LSU, the defending national champion. They've also faced Boise State, Arizona State and California.



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Oregon State quarterback Derek Anderson, bottom, holds his head after he was knocked to the ground by Southern California's Frostee Rucker during the fourth quarter Saturday at Reser Stadium in Corvallis, Ore. Southern California defeated Oregon State 28-20.

Shroud of invincibility

Fog, Oregon St. can't stop No. 1 Southern California

BY ANNE M. PETERSON
The Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Even the fog couldn't obscure Reggie Bush's wily punt return.

Bush was virtually untouched on the 65-yard scoring return in top-ranked Southern California's 28-20 foggy victory over Oregon State on Saturday night.

"That guy is incredible," Oregon State wide receiver Mike Hass said. "You've got to give him credit on that, he kind of made it happen all by himself."

"That's why he's a Heisman Trophy candidate and he showed that tonight."

Matt Leinart threw two touchdown passes to Dominique Byrd,

and LenDale White ran 5 yards for another score for the defending national champion Trojans (9-0, 6-0 Pac-10).

With just a narrow 14-13 lead, Bush's punt return came early in the fourth quarter.

"We've been in this position before," Bush said. "There was no doubt in our minds we were going to come back in the second half."

Southern California has won 18 consecutive games overall, 13 in a row in the Pac-10 and 10 straight on the road.

As fog rolled into Reser Stadium, the Beavers (4-5, 3-3) jumped out to a surprising 13-0 lead. But the mighty Trojans adjusted to the adverse conditions

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Warriors wrap up Division I title



RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

Wiesbaden fullback Dan Villareal, center, carries two Heidelberg defenders on his back for a big gain during the DODDS-Europe Division I football championship in Baumholder, Germany, on Saturday. Villareal rushed for 73 of Wiesbaden's 266 yards in its 37-7 victory. See story on Page 26.



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